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SKILLED PROFESSIONALS HAVE STRONG INFLUENCE IN MONTREAL COMMUNITY

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MONTREAL -

A "community" elite dominates community politics, and professionals with long tenure in key organizations acquire a great deal of influence, says a study prepared for the World Jewish Congress.

Written by Harold Waller of McGill University, and graduate student Sheldon Schreter, the Montreal part of the world study has been submitted to Daniel Elazar, head of the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London, England.

Researched between 1971 and 1973, Waller's study contends that Montreal community leadership is today "very fragmented.

"This is due to several important factors," he stated, "including the void left by the passing of Sam Bronfman, the multiplicity of organizations, and the participation of skilled professionals."

Waller contends that a group of 10 or 15 men, meeting informally on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, chart the direction that the community will take in the future.

"As yet little is known about the operation of the group, what they discuss, what decisions have been reached, and how such decisions are implemented.

"But given the composition of the group, one might assume that its members, using their status and influence in AJCS, can push most anything they want through that body," wrote Waller.

The former Congress foreign affairs committee chairman observed that there is "clearly a decision-making elite" in the community. These people, he stated, care about Jewish life, and although it is not a closed group, its "entry is closely controlled."

Waller identified 16 men who he asserts to be the most influential in the community, and they include chain store owners Arthur Pascal, Sam Steinberg, and George Scott; real estate executives Gordon Brown, Morley Cohen, Maxwell Cummings, Thomas Hecht, and Jacob Lowy; professionals Manuel Batshaw and Saul Haves; accountant Boris Levine; attorney Monroe Abbey; executives Charles and Allan Bronfman; manufacturer Moe Levitt, and public relations executive Monty Berger.

"What is surprising is the fact that over 1/2 of the people have lived in Montreal for nearly 50 years," stated Waller. "This is in sharp contrast to the Jewish community at large of which at least 1/2 arrived in Montreal after World War II or even later."

Waller reported that the community relies on the top givers because they have the financial resources needed to get things done. The author interviewed one influential person, who said the community requires a group of people "who can act quickly in time of crisis."

In reporting interviews, Waller added that some members in the leadership argue that anyone with dedication and willingness to work hard can get ahead.

"But there is no question that at the top one finds a small group of people with a great deal in common -- age, roots, wealth, memberships, etc. These people constitute the 'establishment,'" wrote McGill University's former political science department chairman.

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It was a proud moment for Mrs. Samuel Zacks (third from left) and sculptor Henry Moore (with walking stick) at the opening of the new building of the Art Gallery of Ontario. She opened the Zacks Wing in honor of her late husband. Behind them are Ontario Premier William Davis and his wife, Kathleen (second from left). See M. Gelber tribute to Zacks' on Page 13. (Art Gallery of Ontario)

City raises huge sum for Bonds

TORONTO -

With a population of less than 2% of the total Jewish population of the U.S. and Canada, Toronto produced approximately 9% of the entire amount of Israel Bonds subscribed at the recent High Holy Day Appeals held in more than 1,000 synagogues across the continent.

This was revealed in statistics announced by Rabbi Leon Kronish, chairman of the National Rabbinic Cabinet of the Israel Bond Organization.

The Yizkor appeals this year raised a total of $40 million in Israel Bonds, the largest amount of Bonds ever subscribed during a High Holiday period since the inception of the Bond program.

Toronto's share in this achievement totalled more than $3,500,000 -- for the Yom Kippur Appeals alone. In addition to this, the sum of $3,700,000 was raised here from the synagogue effort, through congregational dinners, advance parlor meetings and Yizkor Appeals prior to Yom Kippur, bringing the total for the participation of Toronto synagogue members to a record $6,200,000. Toronto's total campaign figure to date exceeds $17.5 million.

"Toronto Jewry has responded magnificently to Israel's crisis of economic need with this record-breaking achievement at the synagogue appeals," declared a joint statement issued by the co-chairmen of the synagogue division for Toronto State of Israel Bonds, Alex Eisen, Nathan O. Hurwich and Dr. Norman Shaul. "Now the crisis is to bring in the cash for the Israel Bonds subscribed at the appeals, with all possible speed, to ease the crushing burdens on the people and government of Israel." Their statement continued: "We urge all those who have not yet paid for their 1974 Israel Bond purchases to fulfil their gesture of help and support for Israel, and make these loan dollars available now when the need is so urgent."

Lalondes in Israel

MONTREAL -

National Health and Welfare Minister and Mrs. Marc Lalonde accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bronfman on a trip to Israel this week.

Other members of the party, and accompanying the Bronfmans, are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Desmarais of the Power Corporation, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillipe De Gaspe Beaubien.

The Lalondes will spend part of their tour as official guests of the Israel government, but the party will also vacation in Jerusalem, Massada, Eilat, and settlements in northern parts of the country.

This month marks the 100th anniversary of Chaim Weizmann's birthdate. See Pg. 5.

Peres says there is much to do

TEL AVIV -

The Jews of Canada and the United States did a marvellous job in making Jewish independence possible but "there's still a lot of work ahead . . . so don't get tired."

This was the plea made by Israel's Defence Minister Shimon Peres to members of the UJA President's Mission from Toronto, which spent 10 days in Israel studying immigration, absorption and social problems. The mission also got a firsthand look at an observation post on the ceasefire line in the Golan Heights.

The mission members responded to Peres by pledging more than $1,500,000 for the 1975 United Jewish Appeal campaign. Said Eddie Creed, campaign chairman: "This represents a 15% increase over last year's exemplary gifts. We are very gratified at the response." Creed and Jack Gwartz were co-chairmen of the mission.

Peres said Israel is "the most pessimistic and most optimistic place in the world. "I'm right no matter which way I assess the situation." He described Israel as the most dramatic creation of the 20th century. The country is third on the United Nations list in providing news -- after the U.S. and Soviet Russia. Israel leads the world in building homes -- at 17 units per thousand; Sweden is next with 12 units per thousand.

The defence minister was critical of the Arabs for uniting at Rabat "on a negative basis" against Israel. "They are not united in a quest for a peaceful solution in the Middle East," he declared. "The Rabat conference confirms that all our existing problems with the Arabs will continue."

He said it is unnatural for Jews to be ready for war but he stressed that Israel has no choice "and we have hundreds of thousands of men under arms. It's our duty to be prepared."

Chaim Bar-Lev, minister of industry, told the mission that Israel is determined to absorb every Jew who wants to immigrate here and described it as "a sacred duty."

Israeli leaders regard continued immigration as "our oxygen," and Bar-Lev said "we will absorb any quantity of immigrants at any given time, regardless of the cost and problems involved."

Bar-Lev spoke as representative of Prime Minister Rabin, who was busy on the day he was scheduled to meet with the mission negotiating with the National Religious Party to join his government.

Israel is preparing for a big new wave of immigrants from Russia and Bar-Lev said 90,000 new apartments will be needed annually to accommodate them. Half will be built by the government and given to the newcomers.

The financial load is tremendous, he said, and he called on every Jew, everywhere, "to share this effort with us. With your help, we can overcome our difficulties."

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut assured the minister that Toronto will again do its share in providing help for Israel. "Jewish fate is forged in hardship," he said. "That is why we are here. Our fate is like a cord which can't be broken. No matter what the economic situation may be in Canada, our love for Israel will never know a depression."

Lotte Salzberger, of the Hebrew University's school of social work, said the social gap continues to widen and she regards this as a natural result of the ingathering.

Six percent of Jewish families in Israel are regarded as fully deprived; 23% are partially deprived. Because the socially deprived are mainly those with large families, 23% in this category are children.

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Despite bloodshed, constant quarrels, guerrilla group achieving objectives

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

The Palestinian guerrilla movement has achieved impressive and indeed far-reaching gains since the ignominy of the Six Day War, and they have accomplished some of their objectives in spite of internecine political warfare and despite a series of bloody military setbacks.

Recently, the Palestinians have had fabulous success. In the last few months, the Palestine Liberation Organization has succeeded in winning widespread international support for their disputed claim to represent the Palestinian people and recognition for their demand for national sovereignty in occupied Arab lands taken by the Israelis in the June, 1967, war.

At the United Nations, the PLO scored a highly significant and historic victory when the General Assembly, in a thumping 105--4 vote, legitimized their existence and invited them to participate in a debate on the Middle East question. In related developments, the International Civil Aviation Organization granted the PLO observer status.

The most recent -- and most spectacular -- Palestinian political triumph, however, came last week in Rabat at the Arab summit conference, where 20 heads of state abandoned an agenda on Arab political, economic and military strategy vis-a-vis Israel and instead poured all their energies into the explosive and bitterly controversial Palestinian issue.

Their decision to recognize the PLO as the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people on any Palestinian land that is liberated" is undoubtedly a landmark in the history of the modern Middle East. The Arabs themselves have thus thrown caution to the wind and voted in favor of an independent Palestinian state. And, for the first time since the Arab-Israeli conflict boiled over, the idea of a Palestinian state has become a practical and throbbing reality -- an irresistable geo-political concept.

In winning all but unanimous backing for their nationalistic aims, the PLO, led by Yasser Arafat, achieved a stunning and somewhat surprising victory over King Hussein of Jordan, and cast doubt on the prospect of an early Middle East settlement.

By agreeing to permit the PLO to assume effective control over the eastern occupied territories in the event of an Israeli withdrawal, the Arab leaders put an abrupt end to Amman's dream of regaining part of its lost kingdom and dashed Jerusalem's desire to negotiate

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Voice your distress, Canadian Jews urged

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO -

The Canada-Israel Committee has called on the Jewish community "to voice its distress most vigorously" to External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen and MPs, and to ask that Canada "will henceforth vote against any further action which will weaken Israel's position in international bodies and forums."

By midweek, hundreds of telegrams and letters were pouring into Ottawa. This action comes after Canadian Jewish leaders expressed deep dissatisfaction with the results of a meeting with MacEachen over Canada's abstentions in votes regarding the Palestine Liberation Organization at the UN General Assembly and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, chairman of the CIC, Central Region, in a statement to **The Canadian Jewish News**, said his organization is "deeply disturbed over the apparent drift of Canadian foreign policy which has expressed itself in Canada's acquiescence to admitting an avowed Arab terror organization to the councils of international bodies."

He pointed out that only two years ago, Canada "vigorously condemned the murderous activities of groups affiliated with PLO, which now, aided by Canadian abstentions, have been given status and respectability."

The CIC is made up of Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

The Holy Blossom Temple rabbi called for a veritable flood of letters and telegrams to reach Ottawa prior to Nov. 13, the day before the PLO will be received at the General Assembly.

Plaut, in Israel when the UN vote regarding the PLO took place, said the PLO in that country means dead, innocent children in Kiryat Shemona and Maalot. "The feelings are very raw and bitter there -- a world away from the cool 'abstentionism' in Ottawa," he said.

Speaking personally, the rabbi called for fulltime professionals, stationed in the nation's capital, "to keep close tabs on Ottawa and counteract the emerging influence of Arab trade and money.

"We have tried to run our public relations program on a shoestring, with amateurs like myself. We are now in a new ball game . . ."

Asked about comparisons between the PLO and the Irgun in some news commentaries, Plaut said the activities of the Irgun were directed against the British military, not civilians. He pointed out that when the King David Hotel was blown up, ample warning was given so all civilians could be cleared out.

Meanwhile, Henry Cohen-Sittavoun, executive-director of the Toronto Labor Zionist Alliance, said his organization's members had sent about 750 telegrams protesting Canada's non-vote to Prime Minister Trudeau, Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield, NDP House Leader Ed Broadbent, External Affairs Minister MacEachen, Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson, Liberal House Leader Mitchell Sharp and Liberal MP Robert Kaplan.

Some of the telegrams read:

"The situation in the Middle East needs better attention by Canada. Canada's abstention is deplorable and out of context. Request you morally support Israel in coming session."

"As a Canadian believing in international peace, I protest Canada's abstention in the UN regarding the PLO, an organization committed publicly to murder and destruction."

"What's happening to my government? Can't it make up its mind to oppose hijacking, murder and international crime? Canada should vote 'no' to the PLO."

Oil income allows Arab manipulation

LOS ANGELES (JTA) -

Huge surpluses of cash accruing from skyrocketing oil income is enabling the Arab states "to manipulate our economy, our diplomacy and our politics," Bertram H. Gold, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, has warned here.

Delivering the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Committee's national executive council at the Century Plaza Hotel, Gold described massive Arab investments in the U.S. economy and in vital world commodities that are giving a small group of oil producing countries great political power over nations with greater military and technological strength. As a result, Gold asked, "will the U.S. be tempted to strike a bargain in the Middle East at the expense of Israel?"

Gold noted the purchase by Kuwait, a tiny Persian Gulf oil state, of an island off South Carolina for $17 million; the purchase of billions of dollars in U.S. notes, mostly treasury bills by the oil-producing states; Saudi Arabia's acquisition of controlling interests in a California bank and the Shah of Iran's purchase of a Fifth Avenue building. He also stressed the importance of Saudi Arabia's purchase of the entire world sugar crop this year with the resultant rise in sugar prices to the consumer.

Gold said increased oil prices "have brought about a soaring inflation accompanied by economic stagnation" in the U.S. and the Western countries. The combination of inflation, unemployment, isolationism and group antagonisms may very well lead to a new populism in America.

NRP back, Aloni out of cabinet

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

Israel's coalition government now rests on a safe parliamentary base of 68 seats in the 120-seat chamber. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin presented his new cabinet to the Knesset following the National Religious Party's return to the government.

However, the situation was confused with Mrs. Ruth Aloni's three-seat Civil Rights Movement, at first resigning from the government, withdrawing its resignation and then resigning again shortly before the presentation of the cabinet.

The prime minister had fought hard to induce Mrs. Aloni's group to stay on the government side with a pledge that there would be no change on the conversions issue without agreement of all the coalition partners. The assurance was not, apparently, sufficient for Mrs. Aloni.

(See story on Page 3 — Gadi Hoz photo)

These youngsters got the opportunity Sunday to meet famous physicist Dr. Edward Teller who came to Toronto to address the founding meeting of the Canadian Friends of The Tel Aviv University. Left is Joshua Latner, 13, son of Albert J. Latner, national president of the Canadian Friends, who hosted the meeting. With him is Doug Soltes of New York City.

World News

Chief of Staff Rav Aluf Mordechai Gur speaks with wounded Yom Kippur War veterans at the Sheba Medical Centre in Tel Aviv. While there, he pinned a number of ribbons on gallant veterans. (IPPA)

American founds huge scholarship fund

JERUSALEM--

One of the largest scholarship funds ever established for Israeli students was announced here recently by the chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Pinchas Sapir, and the deputy director general of the Ministry of Education, Eliezer Shmueli, who will administer it jointly.

The fund, amounting to a quarter of a million dollars, was contributed by Phillip Stollman, of Detroit, a noted Jewish and Zionist leader who also serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bar-Ilan University. Together with matching funds to be contributed by Israel's Ministry of Education, the fund is expected to generate an annual income of $60,000 which will provide full scholarships in boarding schools to some 350 underprivileged religious high school students.

Stollman has added the proviso that beneficiaries wishing to continue their education at Bar-Ilan, which is Israel's only religiously-oriented university, will have their scholarships extended for this purpose.

In lauding Stollman for his generosity, Sapir noted that the fund was especially vital since most philanthropists preferred to contribute buildings and visible structures in Israel institutions while not enough was contributed to maintain the buildings and assist the people using them. The present fund, he noted, went a long way towards filling this gap.

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The 20th academic year of the university has begun with a student enrolment of nearly 7,000, including 1,800 freshmen. Bar-Ilan was the first university in Israel to open for the new study year. There has been a heavy demand to study at the University and because of lack of space many had to be refused.

Continuing expansion and consolidation in the academic field is planned. Among the programs being introduced is the new Department of General Jewish Studies for students studying to be high school teachers. It will provide them with a thorough comprehensive picture of Jewish Studies. Classes in art, history and theatre will also open. These will at first offer courses leading towards a minor subject for the B.A. degree, but it is planned to expand them eventually into major subjects.

Refusal to pardon Black Panther sparks widespread demonstrations

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT -

President Katzir's refusal to grant a pardon to Charlie Biton, the 25-year-old leader of Israel's homegrown Black Panthers, has brought widespread demonstrations of protest.

Although unrelated in any way to the U.S. Panthers, they shrewdly chose the same name for its shock value, knowing it would help spotlight their demands for an improvement in the living conditions of Oriental Jews.

Biton's fellow Panthers have vigorously pleaded for a presidential pardon, backing up their pleas with, among other things, a hunger strike at the Western Wall. Joining them in their requests for a pardon have been social workers, Knesset members and students, who argue that putting Biton in Jail would only serve to aggravate social tensions. Moreover, they add, the Black Panthers have of late turned from violent street demonstrations to more orthodox electoral politics, and should not be punished for past misdeeds.

Other Israelis argue with at least equal vehemence that Biton should serve his sentence, lest the country's numerous social protest groups feel free to organize illegal demonstrations, beat up policemen and generally take the law into their own hands.

President Katzir has not explained his refusal to grant a pardon, though one may assume that he has been influenced by the justice minister, with whom he must consult, but whose views are not binding on him.

Well-publicized differences of opinion have occurred in the past between presidents, and ministers on the question of reducing sentences or granting pardons. When, for example, the late Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprinzak was acting president, he wished to reduce the sentences of people who had violated rationing regulations, while Justice Minister Dov Joseph, himself a former minister of rationing, was strongly opposed to any concessions. They eventually found an acceptable compromise.

The recipient of a presidential pardon some years ago was in the news this week when he invited the judge who had sentenced him to be guest of honor at the brit milah (circumcision) of his first born son. The ex-prisoner was grateful to the judge because he had not objected to the pardon, and had actually contributed to the young man's rehabilitation.

A note of special poignancy was added to the occasion because of the fact that the reformed convict's son was named after the judge's son, who had fallen in the Yom Kippur War.

Accept Palestinians, urges French leader

PARIS (JCNS) -

A warning that there could be no lasting peace in the Middle East unless there was justice for the Palestinians was given by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing at a press conference in Paris.

He told journalists that the world had not yet realized that what the French had termed "the Palestinian fact" was indeed a reality and as "a people and an entity" they had not dispersed or reinserted themselves elsewhere. For this reason, the President said, France had voted at the UN to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization because "if we are going to talk about the Palestinians, the Palestinians must be present."

However, he stressed that during the meeting between his foreign minister and the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, it had been made clear that France defended the right of all states in the region, and especially that of Israel, to have recognized and secure borders.

President d'Estaing believed Israel would fully understand the French position after talks between Israeli leaders and the Foreign Minister, M. Jean Sauvagnargues.

On the question of a separate Palestinian state the president believed the Arabs would seek the establishment of a separate entity and that this should be a point for negotiation. France's own view was that negotiations must be held.

Neo-Nazis defeated

BONN (JTA) -

The neo-Nazi National Democrats in West Germany were proportionately the heaviest losers in the recent elections in Hesse and Bavaria. In Hesse they lost 2/3 of their voters, with 1% of the vote compared to 3.1% in 1970. In Bavaria, the situation was similar where they received 1.1% against 2.9% in 1970. The results document once again the decline in extreme rightist politics in West Germany, and the failure of NPD leaders to develop policies and ideas attractive enough to stop the party's dwindling membership.

'Israel prepared for new olim'

JERUSALEM (JTA) -

Immediate and long-term plans for the absorption of an expected new wave of immigration, mainly from the Soviet Union, were disclosed by Israeli officials over the weekend. The emphasis is on housing for the newcomers and for immigrants already in the country who have been billeted at absorption centres as long as six months. Pinhas Sapir, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, said immediate plans called for the construction of more than 23,000 housing units for immigrants by April, 1976.

Housing Minister Avraham Ofer submitted a five-year housing development plan to the cabinet yesterday that calls for the construction of 310,000 dwelling units in the next five years. One-third of them will be allocated for new immigrants and the balance for re-locating slum dwellers and for newly married couples who have a difficult time finding homes.

Sapir spoke to newsmen after returning from a series of conferences on immigration in several European countries. He took off again Saturday on a continuation of his tour which includes South Africa and the United States. The Jewish Agency leader is scheduled to visit 40 Jewish communities to discuss aliyah and United Jewish Appeal matters.

He said that in addition to new housing construction, the Jewish Agency would extend large loans to immigrants for housing, would rent out flats and evacuate apartments now serving as temporary absorption centres. He said that by the end of next month, all immigrants who have been at absorption centres for six months would be moved to permanent housing. Jewish Agency policy is to keep immigrants in absorption centres no longer than six months.

At the same time, Sapir said, 14 new absorption centres will be built throughout the country in anticipation of an influx from the Soviet Union alone of 60,000 immigrants a year. The Jewish Agency will also try to make available 1,500 small flats for single immigrants. If these measures do not suffice the absorption department will rent hotels and similar facilities to serve as temporary absorption centres. Employment plans call for finding jobs for 1,500 heads of families including 600 with university degrees, Sapir said.

At a press conference Ofer said his five-year housing program called for the requisition of some 30,000 dunams (more than 7,000 acres) of land and the conversion of an additional 30,000 dunams previously ear-marked for agricultural development, for residential purposes. Most of the agricultural land is contained within municipal enclaves, the minister said. He told the Cabinet recently that the three main areas considered for large-scale home building were East Jerusalem, Galilee and the Negev.

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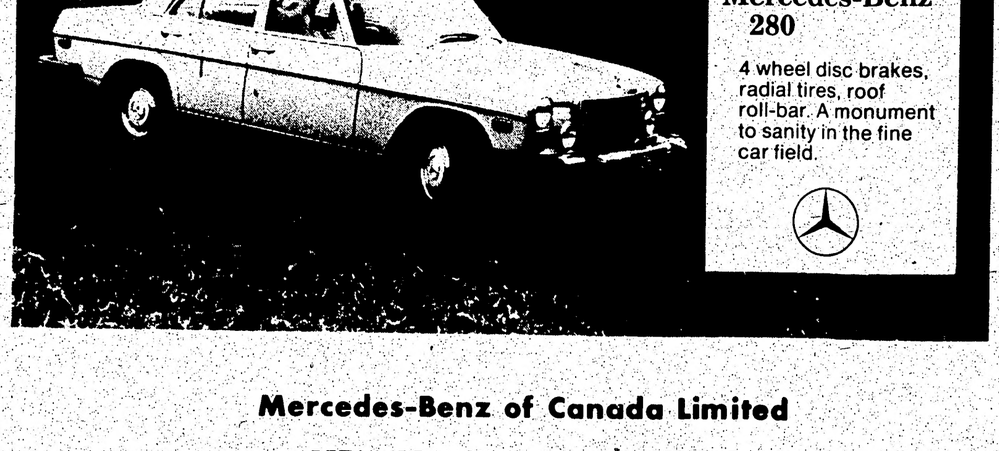

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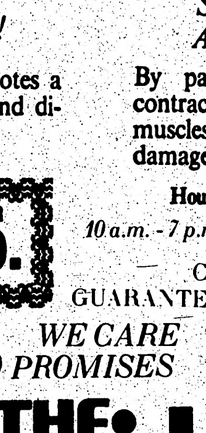

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IN DREAMLAND

Hadassah's 50th annual bazaar was another roaring success for the organization. But for this youngster, it was just a bit too strenuous. (El-Baz)

'Survival is contingent on higher education'

By W. WINTROBE

TORONTO -

Only by bringing intellectual accomplishments to fruition may Israel be able to survive in spite of the political odds stacked against her, says Edward Teller, world-famous physicist.

Therefore, Israel needs every potential intelligent mind it can get, and this it can achieve through universities such as Tel Aviv University, Teller told an audience Sunday at the home of Albert J. Latner.

Latner, newly-installed national president of the Canadian Friends of The Tel Aviv University, hosted 50 persons at the organization's founding meeting.

Often referred to as "the father of the hydrogen bomb," Teller declared that Tel Aviv University "is the most Israeli of Israel's institutions of higher learning."

It is an urban university with 16,000 students, 97% of whom cannot afford to move elsewhere to study, he said. There are only 200 foreign students enrolled.

Tel Aviv University is performing a function vital to Israel, he continued. "It has initiated a great program on applied science for peace and defence."

He cited examples of international importance: front-line medical research using lasers instead of knives to perform operations and to close capillaries; observance of the sun's movements, a project taken up in co-operation with the University of Southern California and improvement of imported military weapons before use in action.

Teller, who lectures at the University of California, has been an enthusiastic supporter of Tel Aviv University since 1965.

Latner stated his aims at the meeting. "I am looking for a young energetic group of people -- future community leaders -- to help me launch the Canadian division -- I want to get doctors, lawyers and engineers involved with their counterparts in Israel. Money is not the most important aspect. This is a young university, only 11 years old. Forty percent of its professors are under 40."

A guest at the meeting was Dr. Avraham Soltes, special assistant to the president of Tel Aviv University, who told **The Canadian Jewish News** that because this university is involved with so many major areas of world-important research, it is reversing Israel's brain drain. It has created jobs for 2,800 faculty members.

Consul General Shmuel Ovnat introduced Teller and Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut thanked the guest speaker.

New CZF head

VANCOUVER -

Well-known community leader Alec Jackson was elected president of Canadian Zionist Federation, Pacific Region, at the organization's annual meeting and election of officers last month.

Jackson, an immediate past deputy president of regional CZF, succeeds Samuel Kaplan, regional president for the past four years.

Jackson has held numerous top leadership roles in community life, including presidency of the Jewish Community Centre and Jewish Community Fund and Council, chairman of the CZF Israel 25th Anniversary celebrations, past district four president of B'nai B'rith. He is presently a vice-president of Congregation Schara Tzedeck.

Bruce Zien, regional president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, presided at the elections, which also saw the unanimous adoption of the nominating committee's recommended slate.

Kaplan introduces bill to protect juveniles

OTTAWA -

Bob Kaplan, MP (York Centre), has introduced a private member's public bill to amend the Criminal Code to give increased protection to juveniles from sexual offenders.

During the recent election campaign, it was brought to Kaplan's attention that the Metropolitan Toronto police were handicapped in protecting juveniles from indecent invitations because of a recent decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Until this decision, it had been the law that evidence of indecent suggestion taken in connection with the surrounding circumstances, could constitute indecent assault. In the court's decision, it was held that an actual physical touching was necessary before a person could be charged with indecent assault.

"A new law is needed to reinstate the protection that was available before this decision," Kaplan said. "Young children need to be protected, especially in high density urban conditions, which often provide an environment in which this sort of thing can happen."

'Women's lib is not for me,' says new Israeli vice-consul

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

Miriam Ziev, newly appointed vice-consul, is one of five Israel women serving as a diplomat abroad. (El-Baz)

TORONTO--

Although Miriam Ziev is one of only five women diplomats representing Israel abroad, the newly-appointed vice-consul in Toronto has no interest in the women's lib movement.

Despite being excited about her first posting, the 26-year-old native of Tel Aviv is uncertain whether she wants to make diplomacy "her life.

"I would like to get married one day and have a family," she told **The Canadian Jewish News**. "My husband's career would take precedence over mine."

Miss Ziev arrived in Toronto last month and was interviewed in the office of Consul General Shmuel Ovnat, who was in Israel. Her office is being prepared in the consulate's newly-expanded quarters in a Bloor Street office building.

Speaking with fluent self-confidence in English, she said that during her stint here, (two to five years), she will deal with women's organizations and student groups, and will help out in consular work and public relations.

The appointment of a vice-consul made at Shmuel Ovnat's request, reflects Toronto's emergence "as a city of great importance, and as a major Jewish centre", the consul general told the CJN prior to leaving for Israel.

The consulate here is also responsible for the western provinces.

Miss Ziev, an attractive, freckle-faced brunette, says she underwent three months of intensive preparation prior to coming to Canada. And she met officials of organizations in Israel that have dealings with Canada.

Her parents, who live in Holon outside Tel Aviv, arrived in Israel from Rumania after the Second World War. Her father is a Tel Aviv taxi driver.

She received a bachelor of arts degree with specialization in English and political science. She credits her fluency in English to her superior teachers in elementary and high schools, and language labs at university.

After army service and graduation from university, she taught English in a high school. Two years ago, she saw an ad in a paper for a training program, she was one of only five to make the foreign ministry.

Prior to her first appointment abroad, she worked in various departments of the ministry and took a number of courses. Ephraim Evron, director-general of the ministry and a former ambasador to Canada, told Miss Viev of her appointment to Canada, and briefed her about this country.

Women in the Israeli diplomatic corps are not sent to posts in Asia because of that continent's attitude towards women. Neither are they sent to South America because of the unsettled political situation in most countries there.

Miss Ziev admits that most Israelis can't differentiate between Canada and the U.S. Very little is taught about Canada in the schools, she says.

She finds Torontonians very warm and friendly and looks forward to enjoying theatre and classical music here.

And being single as a diplomat allows more freedom and greater flexibility, she says with a smile.

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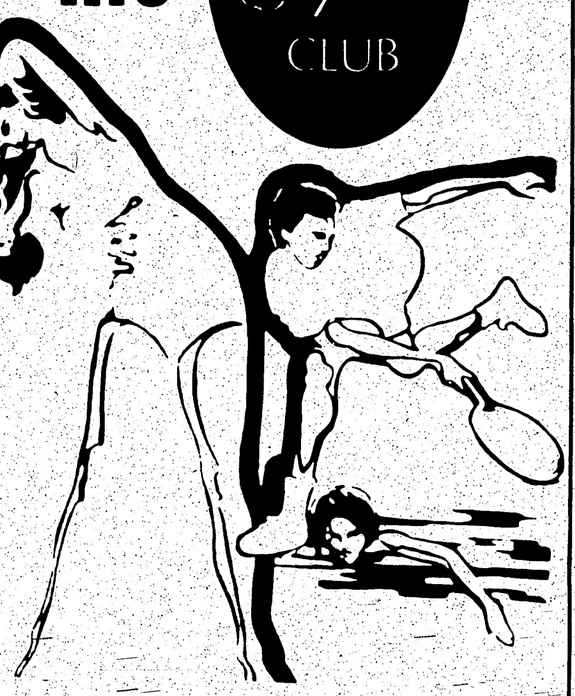

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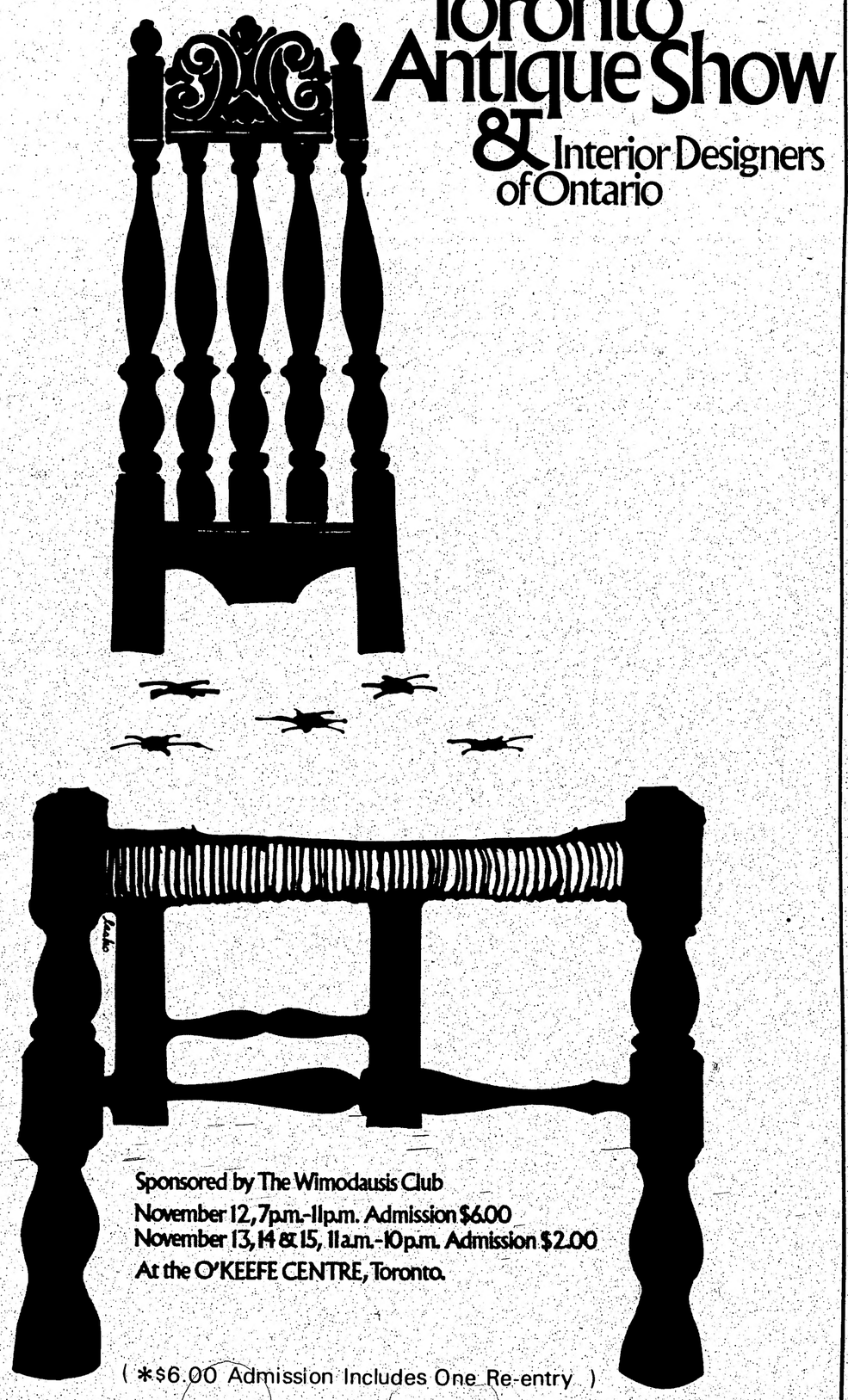

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Palestinian state inevitable

Government's attitude towards PLO grim reminder times have changed

A delegation of the Canada-Israel Committee, consisting of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, recently visited External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen in a valiant effort to modify disturbing trends in Canada's Middle Eastern policy, particularly in reference to Ottawa's abstensions in votes regarding the Palestine Liberation Organization at the UN General Assembly and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

The committee failed in trying to convince Mr. MacEachen that Ottawa's abstentions were "neither in accord with Canada's fundamental policy on the Middle East nor with its general foreign policy objectives." The results of the meeting were apparently so disappointing that veteran observers of the Canadian Jewish scene were hard-pressed to remember the last time a Jewish delegation was so utterly rebuffed by an external affairs minister.

Philip Givens, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, best described the sombre atmosphere by publicly--and unprecedently -- calling the confrontation "a frustrating experience." And he added: "I told the minister our people were hurt and dismayed by the attitude of the government. We received a polite hearing.. but we accomplished nothing."

The arguments put to the minister by the Canada-Israel Committee were well grounded in fact and extremely well argued, with the brief speaking eloquently of Israel's growing isolation and the need for her friends to "speak our loudly and firmly against the immoral and illegal efforts to destroy her."

And as laudatory and morally correct as these arguments may have been, there are certain objective political and economic facts which cannot easily be dismissed. The international oil crisis, the reported large-scale Arab investments in this country and the government's selling missions to Arab countries have had an effect on Ottawa's policy and indeed on the policy of the EEC, Japan and South America.

In attempting, therefore, to alter Canada's policy, the Canada Israel Committee was battling against tremendous odds. No matter what we may think of the PLO, it is a fact of political life today that the world has all but adopted the Palestinian cry for self-determination, while at the same time paying proper heed to Israel's existence as an independent, strong, Jewish, Zionist state. One can almost say that the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip has become a necessity as well as an historical inevitability -- an inevitability which Israel, Jordan, the U.S. and the Canadian Jewish community will have to accept.

While it is perfectly clear that Canada should have voted **against** the recent UN resolution granting the PLO observer status at the ICAO and inviting it to participate at the General Assembly debate on the Middle East, it is equally true that Canada's vote is yet another prickly reminder that times have definitely changed.

In the future, the West will have to learn to accommodate itself to the unrelenting fact that the Arab world is no longer legendarily weak or stagnant. Like the rest of the world, it is changing too.

Ground-breaking speech

Recent Soviet speech at the UN radically turned from foreign policy

The foreign minister of the Soviet Union, Andrei Gromyko, who once made an impassioned speech at the United Nations about Jewish suffering and sorrow, recently declared that his country "stands in favor of Israel existing and developing as an independent sovereign state."

In a radical departure from current Soviet foreign policy, he further indicated that Moscow would resume diplomatic relations with Israel if "real, not illusory progress" is achieved toward a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Gromyko's ground-breaking speech is important and timely. It represents the first time since the 1967 war that a senior Soviet official has broached such an heretofore unthinkable subject. The Soviet minister's declaration undoubtedly shocked a few delegates at the UN, who, over the years, had become accustomed to the spectacle of Soviet diatribes against Israel. In spite of his conciliatory remarks, Gromyko did not miss the chance of branding Israel. He reiterated the Soviet demand that Israel withdraw entirely from the occupied areas, and dropped hints that the disengagement accords worked out on the Golan Heights and in the Sinai Peninsula were mere manoevers "intended to freeze the situation."

Israel, which has no diplomatic relations with any of the countries in Eastern Europe save Romania, has never made a secret of her desire to re-establish ties with the country that became the first to accord her 'de jure' recognition and appoint a minister to Jerusalem. In the last few years, in an effort to cultivate her shattered relations with the Soviets, Jerusalem has quietly encouraged Russian personalities to visit Israel and discuss the problems inherent in a renewal of diplomatic ties. Conversely, a few Israeli delegations, consisting of intellectuals, journalists and leftists, have journeyed to Russia.

But 27 years ago, long before a note of bitterness crept into Soviet-Israeli relations, Andrei Gromyko delivered a moving -- and utterly forgotten -- speech at the UN in which he urged the partition of Palestine and the creation of a Jewish state. ". . . the aspirations of a considerable part of the Jewish people are linked with the problem of Palestine," he said. "During the last war, the Jewish people underwent exceptional sorrow and suffering . . . It may well be asked if the UN, in view of the difficult situation of hundreds of thousands of the surviving Jewish population, can fail to show an interest in the situation of these people . . ."

Gromykos maudlin words struck a responsive chord: the Holocaust was still an overpowering memory, and in Israel, the Yishuv was in the midst of fashioning the greatest and most dramatic upsurge of nationalism since Massada. But, as grateful as Israel was to the Soviets for their backing, few Israelis were lulled into believing that Russian motives were of a purely sentimental or humanitarian nature. It was obvious to more than a handful of Zionists that Moscow was mainly interested in using Israel as a means to expell the British imperialists from Palestine.

The so-called honeymoon in Soviet-Israeli relations lasted until 1949, and during this blissful period the Russians provided arms (through Czechoslovakia), economic aid (via Poland), and permitted large numbers of Eastern European Jews to stream into the Jewish state.

With the outbreak of the Korean War and Israel's concomitant decision to support UN intervention in that conflict, relations between Moscow and Jerusalem took a turn for the worse -- a situation that was aggravated by the Doctor's Plot and the Slansky trial in Prague.

In the mid-60's, there was a slight improvement in Soviet-Israeli relations -- a diplomatic shift which came to an abrupt end soon after officers belonging to the left-wing of the Syrian Ba'ath Party seized power in Damascus. Russian enthusiasm for the Ba'ath faction was such that Palestinian guerrilla raids from Syria into Israel were all but taken for granted by Moscow.

On the eve of the Six Day War, Moscow started a rumor that the Israeli army was massing troops along the Golan Heights in anticipation of a heavy military strike against Syrian positions -- a rumor that sparked the Six Day War. In a huff, Moscow broke with Israel on June 10 and since then there has not been a Soviet embassy in Tel Aviv. Since then, too, Moscow and Jerusalem have traded numerous accusations.

With the recent easing of tension in the Middle East, following the 1973 war to which the Russians apparently acquiesced, there appears to be a fairly good chance that Russia and Israel may normalize their strained ties. But the price of a rapprochement will be heavy, since Moscow links the resumption of diplomatic relations with a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab lands.

As a result of a request from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Wilson Heights B'nai B'rith Lodge has donated a vital piece of reading equipment to help the blind. The lodge gave this Optacon Reading machine in memory of its founding president, Morris Steinberg. From left are lodge officers Robert Black, Lorne Stulberg, Max Steinberg and Joseph Heller, and W.E. Milton of the CNIB.

'One should never be too much in awe of another human being'

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Cha'yai Sarah
V'yeerash zar'aych et shaar oyevuv . . . And may your seed possess the gate of his enemies . . .

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The only big shot in the world is the **Ribono shel Olam** -- but a person should never be too much in awe of another human being . . .

A young Rabbi once assumed his first pulpit, where the famous Rothschild was president of the shul. He was hardly there a few days when a **din Torah** -- a financial dispute -- was brought before him -- and one of the disputants was Rothschild himself. The Rabbi heard both sides, and announced he would give his decision the next day.

The young scholar pored over the **halacha** and concluded that Rothschild was obviously wrong -- but how do you tell such an important man that he had erred? But what could he do? The next day he declared ..."I'm sorry Mr. Rothschild, but the other side is absolutely correct..." Suddenly the great man burst into smiles..."**Yasher koach**, Rabbi. We both knew that I was in the wrong, but we wanted to see whether you had the guts to make the right decision. Now we know we have a real Rabbi..."

That's why we find an interesting thing... When Sarah died, Abraham went to the men of Hebron to buy the **M'orat Hamachpelah**, the cave where the patriarchs are buried. The men treated Abraham with great respect, calling him, "Adoni, my master..." But Abraham, who was usually very polite, never returned the compliment -- he never called them "master". Why not? But Abraham had spoken to the Almighty Himself who is the real master of the universe... And after you call the Almighty "master", it's hard to give that title to another human being...(**Ituray Torah**)

The only boss we Jews have is G-d. When it comes to doing what's right, or keeping a mitzvah, a person should never worry... "What are my friends going to think? What will people say?" The only one to worry about is the One above...

Especially when it comes to funerals. G-d forbid, we can learn a lot of common sense from Abraham. When he eulogized his beloved wife, he didn't go overboard. **Vavavo Avraham lispod l'Sarah**...Abraham came to euolgize "to Sarah"...What does that mean? Abraham aimed his remarks to hit the real Sarah. He didn't exaggerate, or make phony compliments...(**Avnay Chain**)

Actually, when we exaggerate the merits of a deceased at a eulogy, we really mess him up. For example...when we say that so-and-so was kind to "everyone he met." Meanwhile so-and-so was just that -- only so-and-so, not all that kind. Meanwhile, when he gets up to the Heavenly Court, they begin demanding..." Why weren't you as good as they described you? Obviously you were capable of it, otherwise they wouldn't have said it..."(**Brachot 62a**)

Another thing...a lot of good money is buried at funeral -- literally. Why does the deceased need a fancy coffin? Does he know the difference? If a family wants to truly honor the memory of a loved one, it's much better to buy a simple box, as prescribed by Jewish law...and spend the money saved to help support widows and orphans in Israel...

Above all, Abraham showed how a Jew should live his whole life. When it came to making a **shidduch** for his son Isaac, Abraham called to his servant Eliezer to be the shadchan. But it's interesting...Abraham trusted Eliezer with all his stocks and bonds, all the keys were in his hands...But when it came to a matter of the Jewish soul of his family, he didn't trust Eliezer and made him swear...

Often, we do the opposite...When it comes to buying a used car or hiring an employee, we check and double check to make sure we're making the right choice... But when it comes to religious matters, we suddenly become very "trusting"...Is that mezuzah that costs so little really kosher? Is the "vegetable shortening" in the product really pure, or is there a small quantity of animal fat mixed in? Suddenly we don't ask questions . . . But really we shouldn't buy unless we see a qualified **hechsher**...We must be as careful when it comes to matters of **olam habah** -- the next world -- as we are when it comes to **olam hazeh**...matters of this world.

May we enjoy both worlds. Shabbat Shalom.

Letter to the Editor

'Pay to pray?'

Dear Editor:

I was angered, frustrated and especially ashamed during this year's High Holidays. On several occasions I tried to enter a synagogue and found a security guard telling me I could not enter. I am new to the city and was surprisingly pleased with most everything I encountered.

But the situation of the synagogues in Toronto is a "shame for all Jews." Food for anti-Semitism!! Must one be rich to afford a place to participate in communal prayer? Must one pay to pray?

I, as a student of Jewish law and philosophy, as well as a teacher of Hebrew, and being raised in a traditional Jewish manner, have always believed that Judaism was a religion for man -- the Sabbath, the 10 Commandments, was made for the benefit of man. For who are these massive elaborate synagogues made?

Why not build more modest synagogues in greater numbers? On High Holidays rent homes, centres (YMHA), any building, to accommodate the people. Perhaps synagogues will again become houses of prayer for the people.

Clara Hirsz,
Toronto

Columnist unable to comment on crises except in Yiddish, 'most honest language'

By J.B. SALSBERG

Someone has said that Yiddish is the most honest medium of expression for a Jew. Why? Because when writing or speaking in Yiddish a Jew has the feeling that he is expressing views or opinions in an entre nous, a sort of among ourselves, fashion and can, therefore do it freely and without fear of being misunderstood.

Why and how that feeling developed is another story. It will suffice to say that, in my opinion at least, it developed as a result of long years of unhappy and, often, catastrophic experiences of Jewish communities in Eastern Europe. This was particularly true in the Middle Ages when anti-Semites and self-interested feudal rulers arranged "public confrontation" between priests and rabbis to argue over misunderstood or deliberately misinterpreted passages of the Bible or Talmud. Such staged confrontations frequently ended in pre-arranged plundering, killing and expulsion of entire Jewish communities.

But when speaking among themselves in Yiddish, the fear of being misunderstood or misinterpreted didn't exist and so one could talk freely, without self-imposed restraints, without fear and as one would in the confines of one's own family. Hence the feeling that Yiddish is an honest language.

Jews today may not feel the need for self-imposed restraint when expressing themselves. (Some of our very talented young writers - novelists in particular - don't seem concerned...) I must confess however that I am not entirely free of the old ancestral "feeling" when I turn to certain topics. Think what you may but I am honest and frank when I make this confession. But I feel no such restraints when I write in Yiddish. When speaking or writing in Yiddish I feel (again that undefineable word) that I can let my hair down or, that I don't have to

J. B. Salsberg

let them down at all because they were never up. Odd? Alright, but do you want the truth or don't you?

I was trying to explain this feeling of mine to my dear Uncle Eliezer a few days ago. And the need for such an explanation arose in the following manner.

My uncle, as is his way, telephoned that he would like to see me. When he does I know that he is troubled by something or other and, regardless of how busy I may be, I urge him to come. He arrived promptly and, now that summer has gone, I offered him hot tea lemon. Uncle Eliezer made no effort to conceal his troubled thoughts, so we finished the usual preliminaries during the first round of the brew and got down to business while I filled our glasses for the second round.

Uncle Eliezer pulled out of his pocket a bunch of newspaper clippings, in both English and Yiddish, all dealing with the crashing of the International Credit Bank in Geneva, Switzerland, which led to a crisis in the prestigious Israel Corporation, formed a few years ago by prominent Jewish businessmen of many countries, to help in the development of industry and commerce in Israel. Well, uncle Eliezer was profoundly disturbed by those developments and insisted that something ought to be done about it because it was damaging to Israel's reputation and especially at this critical stage of Israel's struggle for survival.

I tried to calm my uncle by pointing to bank crashes in other countries too. Big banks folded recently in the USA, in Britain, Italy and other countries. "But, replied my uncle, "those banks were not Jewish owned and those countries can afford it while we can't." To further impress me with the seriousness of the affair he added: "Do you know that the president of the Geneva bank is a Jew and the president of a Jewish world organization? And do you know that the chief executive officer of the Israel Corporation deposited millions of dollars in that Geneva bank without the knowledge or authorization of the board of directors of the IC?"

Uncle Eliezer paused for a minute and added: "And do you know that Baron Edmond de Rothschild, the chairman of the board of directors of the Israel Corporation, who knew nothing of the transaction, has withdrawn from certain Jewish activities in protest of what took place?"

I assured my uncle that I was fully informed of the affair. I suggested to him that while I agree that Jews, and particularly Jews in Israel, should be of the highest moral and ethical levels, we must also realize that Jews are human and subjected to the evil influences of this world. But uncle Eliezer wouldn't accept my rationalizations. "Such things", he repeated, "mustn't be allowed to happen."

I agreed with him but couldn't accept his proposal that I write about it. "I could write in full about this matter only in Yiddish, but not in English," I confessed to him. Uncle Eliezer didn't reply, he only looked at me with eyes that appeared to me to be sadder than usual. "I'm sorry, my dear uncle, but I won't bring myself to do it in English," I concluded in sorrow.

ask the rabbi

Prayer does not extend blessing to the Almighty

1. How can we say "Blessed art Thou, O Lord . . ."? Surely the blessings come from God to man, and not vice versa?

This is an old question, discussed at length in the Responsa of the famous teacher of Barcelona, Rabbi Solomon Ibn Adret (1235-1310), known as Rashba (Responsa, No. 423 end). The scholar who put the question to Rashba suggests that the word baruch in the benediction does not mean "Blessed be" but (as in the usual English translation) "Blessed art thou."

We are not blessing God when we say this but are rather rehearsing His attributes. He is the source of all blessing. The same unknown scholar adds an homiletical note. The letters of baruch, if transposed, can form three other words, all referring to God's attributes.

These are: rochev, "rider", referring to God as governor of the universe; bechor, "first-born", referring to God's power and cherub, referring to God's wisdom, the cherubim's extended wings denoting wisdom that flies upwards.

Rashba gives his approval but adds that when we say baruch we are, in effect, uttering a prayer for God to be blessed by all mankind, that all men should acknowledge His sovereignty. Some of the Cabalists, however, advance the bold idea that in a sense we can bless God since in His desire to become manifest on earth God needs us.

This is the typical Cabalistic idea that man's deeds have cosmic significance. You may have heard the Yiddish story of the old lady who said that God has everything so what blessing can she give Him except naches from His children!

2. What are the regulations concerning a child who is unfit to undergo his brit on the eighth day after birth — I am told that it must wait until the 15th day, even if healthy before that?

Your informant was no doubt thinking of the ruling, based on the Talmud, in the Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh Deah 262: 2) that even when an infant too ill to have a brit has recovered, it is necessary to wait a full seven days from the day he recovers. This is said to apply only to an illness in which the whole body of the infant is affected. The usual procedure is for the mohel to examine the infant beforehand and it is left to him to decide.

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GENIUS OF WEIZMANN GAVE JEWRY ITS HOMELAND

By MEYER W. WEISGAL

In one of the finest eulogies ever written, Chaim Nachman Bialik, acknowledged Hebrew poet laureate and one of Chaim Weizmann's closest friends, penned these lines in the wake of the Kishineff pogrom in 1904:

Go, look and look, behold them where they lie
Like butchered calves, and yet thou hast no tear
To give to them, as I have no reward.
To beg of you, forgive Me!
Forgive your God, you that have been shamed forever!
For all your dark and bitter lives Forgive Me,
and for your 10 times dark and bitter death!

(Trans. Helena Frank)

Weizmann must have brooded often during the carnage of 1939-1945 upon the significance of Bialik's powerful lament for a massacre that was to be dwarfed by the Nazi Holocaust. I often saw him in those years, stricken by the fate that had engulfed his people -- a fate of which he had warned long before the catastrophe materialized.

Only another Bialik could have expressed the agony of the Holocaust or rendered its full and dreadful depth. But in 1944, when the horror of the genocide first became known, Bialik was no longer alive; and it was left to Chaim Weizmann to face the scope of the tragedy and to proclaim its implications to the remainder of the Jewish people. The record shows, incredibly, that Weizmann's dirge fell largely on deaf ears.

That period in Weizmann's life, the 10 years between his 65th and 75th birthdays, began and ended in two extremes of human and political experience. One, on the eve of war in August 1939, was marked by the lowest ebb in the tide of Zionist fortunes; the other, in May 1948, came in the swell of hope that attended the creation of the Jewish state born in the stormy, confused aftermath of the Second World War.

Bowed under his almost unbearable load of personal grief and political woes, Weizmann struggled, far beyond the capacity of his increasingly frail health, to snatch victory for the Jewish national cause from the jaws of actual and further potential disaster.

As the years go by there has been a tendency, at times unconscious, at times deliberate, to confine Weizmann's political creativity to the Balfour Declaration and the succeeding two decades, and thus to imply he was only a spectator of the activities leading to the establishment of the state of Israel. Rather than explore the motives behind this distortion of history, I prefer to refute it with the record of the events as they occurred -- and as they have been narrated.

That record proves that, in the autumn of his life, Weizmann was the decisive figure in several of Israel's most formative moments: the creation of the Jewish Brigade; the resolution of the UN General Assembly on Partition (Nov. 29, 1947); the inclusion of the Negev within the borders of the Jewish state; the recognition of Israel by President Truman, which served as the basis for the present partnership between the United States and Israel; and the receipt of the first $100 million loan from the U.S. administration.

Without Weizmann's stature and unique personality, none of these could have been accomplished.

It is not irrelevant that Weizmann talked always of the Jewish people, rarely using the terms "Israel" or "Israelis". For him, world Jewry and the Jewish state were indivisable, one integral entity. And he himself represented a national ideal that was global in its sense of destiny and its practical fulfilment. He would, I know, hugely have disliked those elements within the state that have become parochial today and carelessly tolerant of expediency.

In his speech of acceptance when he was sworn-in as Israel's first president on Feb. 16, 1949, in Jerusalem, he repeated the biblical phrase, "where there is no vision, the people perish." He believed vision to be a human imperative, a goal to be fiercely pursued, the means towards never wholly achieved ends. He spoke also in that inaugural address, of the benefits of science to mankind and urged, "let us build a new bridge between science and the spirit of man."

Shortly before he died, as I sat at his bedside while he held my hand tightly, he talked to me too about science, about the need to protect freedom of inquiry, about the sacred character of science and work for their own sake, rather than for ephemeral rewards. In those last moments, his wonderful mind was concentrated on the problem of national ethics and the challenge of the universality of science.

Today the Jewish people at large and the people of Israel in particular, would do well, I am deeply convinced, to look back to the content, the noble spirit and the style of Weizmann's statesmanship.

Meyer Weisgal, a one-time Torontonian, is chairman of the board, Weizmann National Memorial.

One of the most famous pictures in Jewish history — Chaim Weizmann takes oath on becoming the first president of the state of Israel. Administering oath was Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprintzak in the Assembly Hall of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. (WZO photos)

Dr. and Mrs. Chaim Weizmann are shown in the library in their Rehovot home. At right is Meyer Weisgal, chairman of the board of the Weizmann National Memorial. A one-time Torontonian, Weisgal has written the article on the top left of this tribute page.

Science and practical wisdom marked the great leader's struggle for Zionism

Weizmann was not the first in the great galaxy of the Jewish leaders in our generation. Before him there were other noble figures whose achievements, each in his own field, were outstanding and glorious.

Baron Edmund de Rothschild from the depth of his Jewish attachment wrought tremendous things for the revival of our ancient homeland. Neither before nor after him has there been a man who poured out such fabulous sums and in so generous a spirit for the benefit of his people and the reconstruction of its land.

Even greater and nobler was the achievement of Theodor Herzl. The seven or eight years of his Zionist activity were as a dazzling meteor flashing across the grey and heavy-laden skies of Israel's dispersion. By his political genius and inspired vision, he changed the life of a broken people and showed them the way towards freedom and redemption.

Weizmann did not come from the West as did Rothschild and Herzel. He came from a hamlet in Russia, the country which at the time was the centre of the Jewish world. It was not anti-Semitism that made him a Zionist. It was his Judaism which was at the root of his Zionist faith. He was a scientist and as such he believed in growth by evolution, at times even oblivious of the fact that the ways of history are different from those of nature, and that even in nature there occur sudden explosions.

The great wonder is that while Rothschild with his millions and his generosity failed in his practical endeavors, and Herzl with his vision and his noble personality could not succeed in the sphere of politics, Weizmann labored and succeeded in both. There was in him a harmonious fusion of political vision and practical exertion. His every thought and action sprang from deep roots which were closely intertwined with those of the Jewish people on the one hand, and with science and practical wisdom on the other. That was the secret of his greatness and his historic achievement, of his influence and his international renown. None of the great international figures which have emerged from the Jewish people in modern times reached greatness on the strength of their activities as Jews or among Jews. The only great international figure who was truly Jewish was Weizmann. No other Jew in the Diaspora ever reached his international stature.

Weizmann, like Herzl, was born with the crown of statesmanship on his head. They were the elect of the people before they had yet been elected. The Balfour Declaration, the first great political victory of Zionism, was achieved by Weizmann without his having been a member of the Zionist executive.

Yet Weizmann represented more than merely a fusion of political and practical Zionism. No other Zionist leader, apart from Dr. Ruppin, understood and supported the great struggle of the halutzim to the extent that Chaim Weizmann did. No Zionist leader outside the camp of the halutzim so appreciated the significance of the efforts of these pioneers.

One of the foremost leaders of the Zionist movement, Weizmann met Emir (later king) Feisel of Iraq, at Aqaba in 1918. He was involved in negotiations with Lord Balfour.

Balfour Declaration disappointed Weizmann

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

The aide tapped gently on the heavy oak door, entered the dignified office, placed the special delivery letter on the desk and left as quietly and quickly as he had come in.

The recipient of the letter carefully cut the government seal, unfolded the enclosed sheet and pondered its contents.

Nov. 2, 1917

Dear Lord (Walter) Rothschild:

I have much pleasure in conveying to you (that) . . . His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people . . .

It bore the signature of the Foreign Secretary Lord Arthur James Balfour. It was henceforth known as the "Balfour Declaration."

While the banker sat in his office reading and re-reading the letter, England's then leading scientist, Dr. Chaim Weizmann (he had just aided the Allies by discovering a process to synthesize acetone), was wending his way home from the Parliament buildings.

He settled back in his carriage and, to the sound of the clip-clopping of the horses' hooves on the cobblestones, let his thoughts wander over the myriad events surrounding this day.

Shortly before, he had learned of the cabinet's decision. Sir Mark Sykes (co-author of the 1915 Sykes-Picot agreement), bounded out the door where the cabinet was in session. Holding the document, he embraced his Jewish friend and cried out: "Dr. Weizmann, it's a boy!"

In his usual dignified manner, the goateed, ardent Zionist smiled and attempted not to let his demeanor betray his disappointment. This was not the "child" he had hoped to elicit from the British government. The wording, he feared, might be vulnerable to different interpretations by future governments. Nevertheless, as a staunch Anglophile, he still believed the Jewish dream would most likely be fulfilled with British aid.

Across town, the banker opened his safe and placed the precious letter inside. A cold rain began to fall on London. Dr. Weizmann pulled his cape tighter around himself and instructed his driver to quicken the pace.

His thoughts drifted back 12 years to his first meeting with Lord Balfour. He had opposed Uganda as a Palestine substitute and asked Balfour if he would take Paris instead of London. To that, Balfour declared, they already had London.

"That is true," said Dr. Weizmann, "but we had Jerusalem when London was a **marsh.**"

One of the great men of the 20th century.

He appealed 'to the great bar of the world's conscience'

Extracts from the Writings and Speeches of Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

When I am asked these days to "use my restraining influence," my mind goes back some 40 years or more to the day when a poor Jewish tailor shot the governor-general of Vilna. We were called in by Plehwe, and commanded to restrain our young men, lest worse things befall us. And we told Plehwe that, much as we deplored such acts of violence, they were the inevitable result of the impossible conditions which Russia had herself created for the Jewish population, and which deprived the leaders of the community of any influence they might otherwise have possessed. Looking back now, I see that that single shot fired by the little Jewish tailor, was the first shot of the Great Revolution. Nothing could be further from my mind than to suggest comparisons between the Czarist regime and the British government of today -- but one's memory is sometimes irrational.

I appeal to the British people, and its government: Stay your hand! There is still time to undo the wrong you have done us. You are keeping behind bars, in Latrun and Buchenwald, those who, in the hour of your greatest need, when you stood alone, helped you in the great struggle for survival. Ours is no less a struggle. Let my people go!

(From a speech in the Zionist General Council, Jerusalem, July 1946)

WHAT IS A JEW?

We ask today: 'What are Poles? What are Frenchmen? What are Swiss?' When that is asked everyone points to a country, to certain institutions, to parliamentary institutions, and the man in the street will know exactly what it is. If you ask what a Jew is, well, he is a man who has to offer a long explanation for his existence. And any person who has to offer an explanation as to what he is, is always suspect, and from suspicion there is only one step to hatred or contempt.

Palestine is in the process of upbuilding, with a thriving community here, yet even today there are Jews in the world, I do not know how many, but quite a few, who would deny that there are Jews; that they are Jews; that there is Palestine and that it is necessary to have Palestine. All this confuses the Gentile mind, which does not understand. And, if you do not understand somebody, you begin to suspect him, and from that there is, as I have said, but one step to hatred. It was thought that this position must be remedied by normalizing the position of the Jews and by rendering them as normal as anybody else, and giving them those props and those material attributes which they lack. Hence the attempt and ardent desire of a great part of Jewry to build up a normal life of their own. And where could we do it except in Palestine?

(From the address before the UNSCOP - United Nations Special Committee on Palestine - Jerusalem, July, 1947)

REDRESS
FOR A PERSECUTED PEOPLE

When this committee comes to plan the creation of a Jewish state, it will be fulfilling a proud historic mission. Despite its small scope, this enterprise stands high in the esteem of liberal thought. So many considerations of justice and humanity are involved. There is redress for a persecuted people; equality for the Jewish people amongst the nations; the redemption of desert soil by cultivation; the creation of a new economy and society; the embodiment of progressive social ideas in an area that has fallen behind the best standards of modern life; the revival of one of the oldest cultures of mankind.

I cannot allow this statement of the Jewish cause to conclude without a word of appeal at this great bar of the world's conscience. A world which does not hear us in this moment of our agony would be deaf to the voice of justice and human feeling which must be raised loud and clear if the moral foundations of our society are to survive.

If you follow the impartial judgment of your own qualified committee and admit us to your honored table, we shall enter your company with a sense of the spiritual and intellectual challenge which the idea of the United Nations makes to the conscience of man. In giving us this opportunity you will be faithful to the noblest ideals which have been conceived by our ancestors and transmitted by them to the common heritage of the world.

The Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnants of His people, and He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcast of Israel and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

(From the address before the United Nations Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine, New York, October, 1947)

ZION SHALL BE REDEEMED
WITH JUDGMENT

All my life I have labored to make science and research the basis of our national endeavor. But I have always known full well that there are values higher than science, the only values that offer healing for the ills of humanity, the supreme values of justice and righteousness, peace and love. "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment and her converts with righteousness."

This day is a great day in our lives. Let us not be thought too arrogant if we say that it is also a great day in the history of the world. At this hour a message of hope and good cheer goes forth from this place, from this sacred city to all those throughout the world who are persecuted and oppressed and who are struggling for freedom and equality. A just struggle is indeed of avail. If we, we the people of sorrows and affliction have been vouchsafed this event of today, then truly there is hope at the end for all who long for justice.

(From the Opening Address to the First Knesset, Jerusalem, February, 1949)

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

JEWISH STUDIES INSTITUTE

The Institute of Jewish Studies, sponsored by B'nai Torah Congregation and Clanton Park Synagogue, runs on successive Wednesday evenings from Nov. 13 to Dec. 11. The two 8 p.m. courses -- readings in the **Nineteen Letters** by Samson Raphael Hirsch, and the **Development of the Halacha** -- will be followed each session by a forum lecture from 9:15 - 10:45 p.m. Lecturers include Rabbis Yitzchok Kerzner, Shmuel Stauber, Immanuel Schochet and Sheldon Steinberg; Professor Henry Weinberg, University of Toronto; and Dr. Joseph Berger, psychiatrist.

A HOUSE SHOWER

The invitation reads..."Come and help Reena build a strong foundation." What it means is that the Reena Foundation is having a house shower to provide furnishing for the Luverne Avenue home being established for handicapped residents. They are looking for such things as linens, kitchen ware and bathroom accessories. The date is Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. at 8 Norlington Dr. Willowdale. For information call 630-4751 daytime; and 633-7649 evenings.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM WEEKEND

A special weekend at Shaarei Shomayim, held in conjunction with the National Conference of Synagogue Youth Shabbaton, is scheduled for Nov. 8-10. Guest lecturer will be Dr. Saul Berman, chairman of Judais studies at Stern College, Yeshiva University, who will be meeting with the NCSY and adults of the congregation throughout the weekend.

HEALTH LECTURE SERIES

Mount Sinai Hospital Women's Auxiliary opens its two lecture Health Education Series Wednesday, Nov. 13, with a discussion on **The Times...They Are A' changin'**. Panelists will be Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Temple Sinai; Dr. Marion Powell, associate professor, University of Toronto health administration department; Bruce Vichert, social worker, and Mrs. T.J. Alderman, psychologist, North York Board of Education. Lecture begins at 12:30 p.m. with a luncheon in the Ben Sadowski Auditorium 18th floor.

DROR EXPANDS

Dror Zionist Youth Organization, (the opening its second Moadon (club) in Toronto on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at McNicoll Public School, 155 McNicoll Ave., Willowdale. A worldwide movement associated with the United Poale Zion Party, Dror conducts all-year-round activities, including a summer program at Camp Gesher, with a view to encouraging aliyah to the various kibbutzim.

ART AND FASHIONS GALORE!

Art and Fashion Extraordinaire! is what Naomi Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women is calling their gala art sale-winter-into-spring fashion show combination. It is being held this Saturday, Nov. 9, at 8:30 p.m. at DeBoer's Furniture, 5051 Yonge Street. Another art event is the auction being sponsored by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood that same Saturday, Nov. 9. Contributing artists are represented by the Emerging Art Inc. Gallery of Rockville Centre, New York. Preview will be at 7:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 8:30.

ABOUT JEWISH IDENTITY

Toronto's newly formed Conservative synagogue, Shaar Shalom, is presenting a lecture by York University Dean of Arts Sydney Eisen on the topic **Jewish Identity and its Relevance to Today's Youth**, Sunday, Nov. 10, at 8:30 p.m. at Fairview Mall auditorium.

AT THE MOVIES

Here's your chance to see the Israeli comedy, **Ervinks**, starring Chaim Topol. It is being presented by the Jewish Student Federation of York University, Saturday, Nov. 9, at 8:30 p.m. at Northview Heights Collegiate, Finch Avenue West. Tickets are available at the door.

Then on Sunday, the 10th, the Nova Study Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women is showing the children's cartoon feature, **Charlotte's Web**, at Seneca College's Minkler Auditorium. Showtimes -- 10:30 a.m. and 1 and 3:30 p.m. For information call 223-0785.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Steve Speisman, Canadian Jewish Congress archivist, will be speaking about the early days of the Jewish community (and showing slides as well), at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, Sunday Nov. 10, at 8 p.m.

Obesity, chemicals in food cited as dangerous to health

By MARCIA KRETZMER

In recent years, the eating patterns of people in the wealthier countries have undergone changes that have resulted in two major hazards to health. The first is obesity, the second is the bodily side-effect caused by the introduction of chemicals into our food.

Obesity is caused by simple over-eating plus excessive consumption of "junk foods," over-fatty or over-sugared foods. The problem begins in infancy with the mistaken belief that the chubbier the child, the healthier that child is. Superfluous fat cells are created by this excessive intake of food and the ingrained habit of over-eating is not easily discarded past the active growing years. This is why people tend to gain weight rapidly in their 30's and 40's.

But the problem of obesity is not simply cosmetic. Obesity has given rise to a whole range of degenerative diseases, especially heart disease, which now accounts for nearly 75% of deaths in North America.

The second contemporary hazard, still widely misunderstood, but having potentially graver implications than obesity, is the poisoning of our diet and constitutions by the heavy use of chemical additives to our food.

It starts with basic agricultural supplies. Pesticides sprayed on crops leave poisonous residues which we consume along with these foods when they reach the dinner table.

The effects of these additives is cumulative and many have been suspected in the development of cancer, heart disease and genetic defects. These chemical pollutants are potentially the greatest health hazard of our time, especially since their use is not routinely disclosed on packaging and since it is difficult to monitor "permissable levels" of these substances.

According to the Ralph Nader report **The Chemical Feast**, the human body is now bombarded by more than 2,500 food additive chemicals. He wrote:

"The primary purpose of food additives is to increase profits. Coloring, tenderizing or extending the shelf life of food products...should not be tolerated if there is the slightest indication that a hazard to consumers might exist".

Rabbi Gedalia Felder

Some of the worst offenders in these categories are the so-called "convenience foods which require large quantities of flavor-enhancers, coloring and other additives to make up for the loss of flavor, color, texture and other properties caused by processing.

Especially implicated in the Nader report are cyclamate sweeteners, still widely available in Canada. Years after they were declared safe for use in beverages, jellies, deserts and coating for pills, they were discovered to produce cancer and genetic defects.

Caffeine, suspected of being a factor in heart disease, is included in many soft drinks, but one of the real horror stories is the widespread and increasing use of the chemical monsodium glutamate (MSG) as a taste-enhancer in restaurants, in the home, in packaged foods, particularly in mayonnaise and salad dressings and alarmingly in baby foods.

One witness before the U.S. Select Committee on Food, Nutrition and Health in 1969, reported that he had fed MSG to rats in doses comparable to the amounts that babies would consume in baby foods and the rats had suffered brain and eye damage from the chemical.

The conclusion of researchers in this field is that people in the so-called "have" countries are experiencing a progressive deterioration in their diet, caused not only by adulteration, over-processing of foods and manipulation of consumer taste by unscrupulous advertisers, but also by the introduction of poisons into the diet.

Now it appears that unhealthy may also be unkosher.

In an interview, Rabbi Gedalia Felder of Toronto, who heads the Toronto Beth Din and is a renowned talmudic authority, said that chemical substances which may be neutral from the point of view of kashruth, ought to be declared unkosher if they can be shown to endanger health.

"According to Jewish law, a person is forbidden to endanger his life," said Rabbi Felder. "In some ways the prohibition against dangerous things is even stricter than other outright prohibitons in Jewish law."

Rabbi Felder's paper on the subject, which he stressed is "theoretical and speculative", is to be published this year by **Torah U'Mada**, a publication of Bar Ilan University, Israel.

One ruling cited by Rabbi Felder touches the problem of additives specifically.

According to Jewish law, food need not be considered unkosher in the event that an incompatible or non-kosher substance has been mingled with it, provided that the quantity of the food itself is 60 times larger than the substance in question. However, the Hatam Sofer, a 19th century talmudic authority, said that this ruling has no force where the substance concerned is of a dangerous nature.

The implication is that regardless of the fact that additives are introduced into foods in infinitesmal quantities, their dangerousness means that the food should not be consumed.

Rabbi Felder cited the growth hormone DES, recently banned in Canada, and cyclamates as examples of foods which could be declared unkosher from this point of view.

"It would be the responsibility of Kashrut committees and the rabbinate to investigate and rule on these matters", he said. But these bodies would rely on expert opinion rather than conducting their own investigations.

In this paper, Rabbi Felder also discussed the problem of eating to excess. The no-nonsense Hebrew terms for over-eating, gluttony or gross and vulgar eating, should be enough to make any over-indulger think again. But the authorities quoted by Rabbi Felder leave one in no doubt that instead of running to the latest fashionable diets, one would do well to follow the advice of our sages:

Maimonides, writing at the end of the 12th century, declared that over-eating was the equivalent of eating poisonous food. In case you want specifics, Maimonides added the advice that one should rise from the table no more than three-quarters full.

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Shabbat Shalom!

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Library's new director announces three changes

By ROCHELLE CARR

Rabbi Michael Celniker

TORONTO--

The catalogue system at the Jewish Public Library of Toronto will be changed, the hours lengthened and the premises expanded to help meet the needs of everyone from pre-schoolers to the elderly if the ideas of Rabbi Michael Celniker, the library's new executive director, are implemented.

Although only in his job a short while, the former rabbi of Beth Torah congregation has already extended the library's hours. Starting Dec. 1, the library will be open on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will not be closed for its traditional two weeks' holiday in the summer.

He is now working on plans to change the catalogue system to the Library of Congress system to dovetail with that used at the University of Toronto and York University. In addition to facilitating use of the library, the new system will encourage both universities to list specialized books found at the Jewish Public Library in their card catalogues, thus offering an incentive to students and professors to use the Jewish Public Library.

Rabbi Celniker, however, is quick to point out the many obstacles that must be overcome first. There is only one full-time librarian, Mrs. Rose Benjamin, and the new executive director contends it will require additional trained staff to change the system as well as cope with processing new books.

The multi-lingual rabbi points out that the processing and upkeep of one book is approximately 50% of the cost of the book. Books are purchased through library membership and private donations, while funds for administration and staff come from the Welfare Fund, he explains.

Even if the system were changed and money were available to purchase more books and hire additional staff, (volunteers are also needed, but they cannot do certian specialized jobs), there is yet another problem-space. "The library has outgrown its facilities and needs additional room," he explains.

He would love to see a nook for young people and an area for the elderly to read at leisure. There is some room downstairs in the building, but this would require construction of a staircase directly linking the two floors of the library. Rabbi Celniker laments that there are numerous back issues of magazines, but no room to shelve them nor enough trained staff to process them.

His biggest concern is having the library serve the needs, particularly research needs, of students. "There is a growing trend for young people to show an interest in Judaica. The interest is there, spurred on by high school and now university courses. If we cannot serve them adequately then our entire existence is not worthwhile," he emphatically states.

The new executive director, who is about to receive a doctorate in medieval Hebrew at the University of Toronto, has also given thought to a system whereby volunteers will take library books to shut-ins. In addition, he is working on plans to have certain cultural activities, like lectures on various books and authors, take place in a room downstairs.

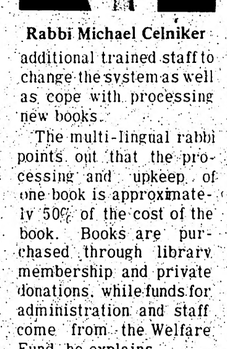
Histadrut treasurer to be guest speaker

TORONTO -

Israel Kessar, newly-elected treasurer of Histadrut in Israel, will be the guest speaker at the annual conference of the Toronto Histadrut Campaign on Sunday, Nov. 10.

Kessar is on his first visit to Canada since assuming his new position and will speak on **Israel's Social Gap and Histadrut's Responsibilities**. He is a graduate from the Hebrew University's Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences with an M.A. in labor studies from the Tel Aviv University. Now, at the age of 41, he has succeeded retired veteran Yehoshua Levy to the important post of treasurer of the Histadrut and is chief watchdog over its income and expenditures.

Over 200 delegates are expected to attend representing the branches of the Labor Zionist Alliance, Societies and Landsmanshaften affiliated with the United Organizations for Histadrut, Labor Zionist Movement, Pioneer Women, Achdut Ha'Avodah, Independent Workers' Circle and Trade Unions.



Israel Kessar

...about people

Saul Hayes

Busy days for **Saul Hayes** -- In addition to receiving an honorary doctor of laws degree from his alma mater, McGill University, at the fall convocation this past week, the former Congress executive vice-president has been re-appointed Quebec regional chairman of the National Advisory Council on Multiculturalism.

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Toronto community leader **Murray Koffler** joins **Dorothy Donovan**, prominent in Catholic Women's League circles, and **J. Page R. Wadsworth**, chairman of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, as three honorees of this year's Canadian Council of Christians and Jews award banquet. The gala dinner is set for Monday, Nov. 18, at the Royal York Hotel.

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From Winnipeg comes news of another McGill graduate, **Allan Kiesler**, who was named board chairman of the Anti-Defamation League for Central Canadian B'nai B'rith Council. Mr. Kiesler is employed with the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, which makes him a natural for the chairmanship job.

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Two **Canadian Jewish News** staffers have bid us adieu, for the time being at least! **Ruth Kahane** has returned to Ottawa to complete her thesis at Carleton University. Hopefully we'll be seeing her byline with news and views from the capital...And then, at the end of this month, our cooking column gal, **Marcia Kretzmer**, heads back to Jerusalem after a two year stay here while husband David was working on his doctorate in law at York University. But fear not, the column will keep coming, by way of Israel, and since Ms. Kretzmer is really a sociologist by training, we can look for articles on other topics too.

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The political arena --**Judy Jordan**, immediate past chairman of the Toronto Board of Education, is once more seeking re-election as a trustee in Ward 11 for the board...Lawyer **Joseph Markin** is making his political debut in the North York race for controller...Among the record 45 Jewish members of Parliament elected in the recent British elections is **Helen Middleweek**, who at 25 is the youngest member in the new house.

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Torontonians might like to know that **Samuel Lunenfeld**, who hails from these parts but is now living in Geneva, was honored with the degree of doctor of philosophy honoris causa by Bar Ilan University. The degree was awarded "in recognition of his many years of activities on behalf of Israel and Jewish causes..."

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Thirteen young American social workers, including **Eddie Gedaloff** of Toronto, are taking a special work-study course at the University of Haifa. It is all part of a pilot program designed specifically for young social workers planning to settle in Israel.

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That travelling-singing rabbi, **Shlomo Carlbach**, will be in Toronto this Thursday, the 14th, for a concert on the University of Toronto campus sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

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May Katic, a Toronto cosmetologist has recently returned from Israel where she represented Canada at the 28th World Cidesco Conference of Esthetics and Cosmetics there. She reports that the latest Israeli developments in the treatment of skin diseases was discussed. She paid a visit to the Ein Gedi Clinic which has evolved a unique treatment for psoriasis and neurodermatosis. Mrs. Katic, who runs the Fountain of Beauty Cosmetic Studio, also notes that skincare for women in menopause was a significant topic and close communication between the dermatologist and esthetician (cosmetologist) is very important.

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Marc Chagall was in Chicago recently for the dedication of his mosiac **Les Quatres Saisons** (The Four Seasons), at a puublic ceremony at the city's First National Plaza. The renowned artist came from his home in the south of France to officially unveil the work which took two years to create. He said he chose the theme because many people go through the plaza in the heart of the city and "in my mind the four seasons represent human life, both physical and spiritual, at its different stages."

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'Arena to explore Judaism'

Project is youths' 'home away from home'

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO -

From the outside it looks like all the other single family dwellings on the street. From the inside, too, it fits into the regular three-storey, four-bedroom plus attic design.

But then, add the wildly-colored floor cushions strewn ever so casually over the brown shag broadloom, the stereo record player banked on the rug-covered blocks, the hanging lamps, the up-to-the-minute kitchen, and you have the perfect picture of modern-day "with it" living -- just right for those who think young!

And that's exactly what the house in Toronto's Yonge-Eglinton district is all about. Purposely geared to a youthful point of view, it will serve as a home away from home for five or six Jewish adolescents who are having difficulties in adjusting to the normal change processes of their age. In fact, the youngsters begin moving in this month.

Temporarily called the Children's Mental Health Centre, it is set up under the auspices of the Jewish Family and Child Service and funded by the Ontario government under the Children's Mental Health Act.

Director Mel Starr, a 33-year-old clinical psychologist with a doctorate from the University of Cincinnati, and his wife Ellen, a family therapist and program supervisor (she has a masters degree in human development from the same university, where they met), started to work on the project in July "from the ground up."

Husband and wife team Ellen and Mel Starr make plans for a house which will serve as a home away from home for five or six adolescents who are having difficulty adjusting to normal change processes. (Gadi Hoz photo)

Once this initial group gets off the ground, plans are to open a day care centre in the same neighborhood, hopefully early in the new year. That way, some 15 to 20 additional teenagers can be helped through a day-time routine that allows for living at home with the family while providing remedial support.

If a sensitivity to the fears and insecurities of youth is any criteria, then the Starrs are in the right place at the right time. They have chosen their staff with great care, basing the selection not only on professional credentials but on the applicants' own responses to their own adolescent problems. The staff line-up to cover both centres includes nine full-time case workers (four will work at the residential centre, with one acting as permanent night staff), two educational therapists, another family therapist, in addition to Mrs. Starr, and a rabbi and psychiatrist in a consultative capacity.

Underlying the overall program is the search for social, sexual and occupational identity within a non-institutional, destigmatized setting. The schedule is divided into educational, therapeutic and recreational sessions.

Each child must agree to some kind of educational experience, whether it be within the school system, backed up by a remediation program if necessary, or a total home tutoring set up provided at the centre itself.

Household chores are to be shared with a view to developing self-help skills, and daily living decisions are to be made by the group. Most likely one of the first "family" councils will come up with a new name for the centre.

An integral part of the program is the question of Jewish identity.

"We plan to provide an arena for adolescents to explore what Judaism means to them," said Starr, who acts as both administrator and clinical psychologist.

The idea is to supply as much Jewish stimulation as possible and then the young people can choose the part that is most meaningful to them.

One of the ways is by hiring a completely Jewish staff, covering the entire spectrum of Jewish affiliation, to act as models to the youngsters who are questioning, and sometimes discarding, the old values of their parents. Another is by running an absolutely kosher kitchen, dishwasher and all, to implement the Jewish lifestyle into daily routines.

The time limit for each youngster ranges from 12-24 months, with the day care centre used as a follow-up. A commitment of involvement is expected from the parents so that they may better understand their child's progress, both at the centre and when the youngster returns home.

"Also, we want to build up a cadre of graduate parents to remain as resource guidance and support for other parents," Starr said.

Obviously, relating to each other -- child to child - to - caseworker - to - parent -- is the name of the game. Building on their experiences with emotionally disturbed adolescents, both here and in the United States, this husband and wife team is striving to create a milieu of honesty and open-mindedness among staff and children alike.

And for the youngster who is having difficulty "making it" in the traditional family set up, the yellow brick house with the nondescript exterior can bridge the gap until home can be home again.

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Clothing manufacturer is honored

Admirers from across Canada pay tribute to Max Enkin

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –

William Shakespeare and Max Enkin concur on at least one point. They both believe that "apparel 'oft proclaims the man." And Enkin should know. After 53 years in the garment industry, he has acquired a rare and finely-honed appreciation of style and color, as well as of sales and organization.

More importantly, perhaps, Enkin was able to parlay his knowledge into a fortune. An accountant who never got around to learning how to sew, he has the distinction of having fashioned Cambridge Clothes, of Hamilton, into one of the largest manufacturers of men's clothes in Canada.

Last week, in recognition of his life-long devotion to the industry, Enkin was honored by friends from Toronto and Montreal and by retailers from across Canada.

An applauding audience of 1,000 filled the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel. Chairman of the evening was Sam Crystal, vice-president of public relations, The Oshawa Group, and among those who spoke in praise of Enkin was Senator David Croll, a longtime friend.

"They seem to think I was a power for good," he mused the other morning in his apartment, overlooking a wooded ravine. "It may sound trite or naive, but I have derived a great deal of satisfaction from working with my colleagues. I have always found them -- and my work -- fascinating."

In honoring him, Enkin's friends were not only paying tribute to a warmly-regarded human being; they were celebrating his business acumen, his success and his service to his community and country.

During World War II, for example, he was appointed an associate clothing administrator by the government, a position which won him the coveted OBE award. As well, Enkin is proud of his close association with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union of America.

But, Enkin says, the highlight of his life occurred shortly after the war, when he headed a commission composed of labor and management which rescued some 6,000 Jews -- 2,500 of them highly-skilled clothing workers -- from their enforced idleness and drudgery in German and Austrian displaced persons camps.

"These people had lost all their faith in the future," recalled Enkin. "Sure, they had a place to eat and sleep. But that's all. They became very useful additions to the industry in Canada."

Max Enkin, 53 years in the garment industry, was honored by his friends last weekend. (Jacob El-Baz photo)

From his vantage point in Hamilton, where his factory employs some 700 workers, Max Enkin has watched a cavalcade of styles and fashions come and go in more than half a century. He has also been fortunate to have been a witness to the overwhelming changes which have truly revolutionized the industry.

In his estimation, the introduction of such man-made fibres as rayon and nylon has had an incalculable effect on society. "The masses are better dressed now than 50 years ago," he explained. "Good appearance is easier to acquire today. In the past, climate could have an adverse effect on production because natural fibres such as cotton and wool were so important in the manufacture of clothes. But now that synthetics have gained such a hold on the market, this is no longer true."

The demise of the meticulous European tailor, who passed through a rigid apprenticeship, is a development that Enkin genuinely mourns. With the advent of technology, the old-time tailor has been replaced by what he calls the assembly-line approach. But, saddened as he might be by space-age innovations, Enkin accepts these changes as inevitable and evolutionary. In the future, he adds, computerized assembly lines will keep costs down and possibly alleviate the present scarcity of labor.

As a result of deepening unionization within the industry, workers' benefits and working hours have improved to an undreamed of level, but at the same time productivity has suffered somewhat.

"Still," Enkin adds, "one can't go back, it would be a social setback; it would not be in keeping with man's quest for a better life."

Although Enkin is an avowed free-trader, he thinks it may soon be necessary for the Canadian government to erect a set of tariffs to protect local industry from stiff Asian competition. "All the machinery in the world can't keep up with Asian wage rates. Their total manufacturing and distribution overhead is such that the Western world simply cannot compete."

As absorbed as he may be in the problems of the garment industry, Enkin has always found time for communal activities. In addition to having served as president of Holy Blossom Temple, Enkin sits on the boards of Mt. Sinai Hospital, the Baycrest Centre, and the Haifa Technion.

He is also national treasurer of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, an organization with which he has been associated for the last 25 years.

Asked whether anti-Semitism in this country has diminished, Enkin replied: "To suggest that all forms of anti-Semitism has disappeared would be naive. But there have been fantastic changes in overt attitudes due to legislation and the recognition that Jews have a place in the Canadian mosaic and that their contributions have been most important in Canada's development."

A firm friend of Israel, Enkin refuses to "pontificate" on the problems of the Jewish state; and, although he admits to being an optimist at heart, he believes "there'll be great anguish before we see the millenium."

Enkin's pastimes are few, but he enjoys reading biographies and Jewish history and is fascinated by the theatre. His grandchildren, all 10 of them, he says happily, are a source of boundless joy for himself and his wife Jeannette.

Involvement in politics urged on young people

By HARVEY ENCHIN

TORONTO –

Metro Toronto Chairman Paul Godfrey, addressing the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization's fall conclave held here last week, urged youth to "strive to take over the reins of government.

"I would hope that you people," he said to the 80 teenagers from St. Catharines, London and Toronto, "... take a serious interest in the political future of this country."

Paul Godfrey

Godfrey, the youngest man ever to serve as the metro chairman, said he didn't want to have just people in their later years starting out in political careers.

"I think it's very important," he said, "that, in the future, young people really have a voice in government."

Godfrey, an alumnus of Upper Canada AZA, spoke in the historical Kiever Shul which was founded in 1904.

In keeping with the conclave theme "They Came here," Godfrey spoke of those who came to seek political freedom, economic opportunity and religious liberty.

The half-hour talk dealt with the waves of immigrants fleeing the pogroms of Europe in the 1880's, the refugees of Nazi persecution in the 1930's and the survivors of concentration camps after the Second World War.

"Long before Confederation," he said, "Canadians of Jewish origin were active in Canadian life."

He said this year marked the 225th anniversary of the first permanent Jewish settlement in Canada.

To illustrate the activity of Jews in Canadian politics, Godfrey drew attention to William Hymen, the first Jewish mayor in Canada elected in 1858, and former Toronto mayors Nathan Phillips and Phil Givens.

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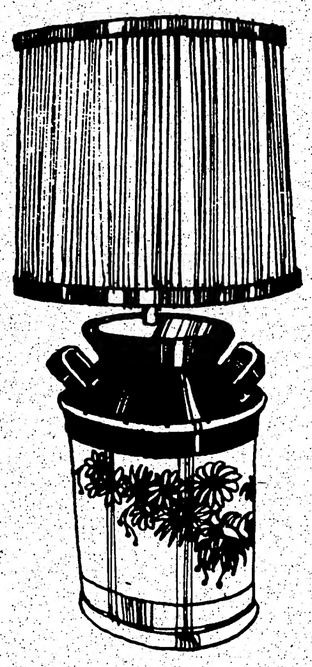


Canadian lamp with ceramic base is a milk churn with soft floral design. Pine spice chest. To preserve freshness, spices should be kept in dark places.

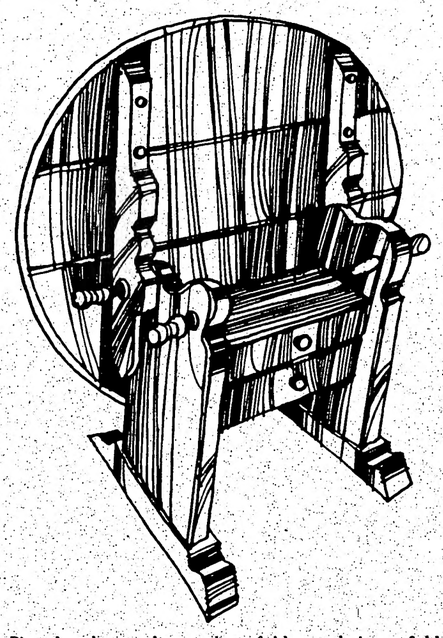
Antique collecting serves elegance and pocket book

For many people, antique collecting has become a thing of joy. As well as adding elegance to any decor, antiques, whether furniture or accessory have become a sound investment, with the idea that "the real thing" will increase in value with the passing of years. "The real thing" meaning any item which comes from an earlier era.

Many furniture shops are striving to serve a vast range of budgets. And so sometimes, pieces which appear to be true antiques are actually well designed reproductions, and so function as lovely pieces of furniture.

In any case, whether you are shopping for the aesthetic, looking for a source of investment, or both -- I have found that a little homework can increase the joy of any antique hunt.

Another dream of our nostalgic era has come alive with the desire to return to a more simple life. This is a desire which has not only become a major factor in the search for old fashioned nutrition and our style of dress. It has also begun to play a very important role in our choice of decor.



Pine hutch can be used as fold up chair or fold down table. Illustration by Pack—Rat.

Decorating Your Home

- Sue's Views -

Welcome winter with love

By SUE FIELDER

One of my favorite seasons is winter. I love the idea of coming in from the cold, after the hubbub of the day to a home that's filled with love and warmth. Somehow this contrast has always been a very welcome one for me.

It's true that love and warmth come from sharing your home with people who care. But there's a whole new feeling which comes from entering a home that speaks of you. Whether you find yourself dining with a group of people or in your own little corner -- each room should speak with personality in a way that says -- "I'm for you." And that is why I have taken the interest of putting this page together.

Decorating your home can be a challenge as well as a labor of love. And it need not be expensive. Fortunately, today's new freedom has opened the door to many areas of design -- that are solely dependant upon the individual's taste. With some ingenuity, a little imagination, lots of determination and the desire to enjoy your decor -- any room can become your castle -- imagine!

For example, during the past year I have been busy collecting coffee cans of the same size. After cleaning, painting and gluing these cans together, they will become the base for a large plate glass top. A great coffee table for any living room or den. P.S. Variations can be made with pop cans, mosaic tops, different shapes and various color combinations.

Even the smallest room can sparkle with life. When planning your decor -- it is an idea to choose main pieces that are adaptable, i.e. your couch, drapes and carpet. These are usually the most expensive items -- too expensive to buy and sell every time you make changes.

If you're redecorating the walls, make sure your choice of paint and wallpaper is not one which strikes your eyes so strongly that it may strike your stomach later. I personally enjoy the warm bright colors. As well as adding light, they can give the appearance of a larger space.

Planning a home is like choosing a wardrobe. The main pieces should be comfortable and changeable, and the accessories color co-ordinated so that you can alter their position whenever the mood strikes.

We are fortunate to live in a city that has an abundance of shops designed to help you dress up your home -- no matter what your taste. Don't be in a hurry. Unless you have the wherewithall to be extravagant, whatever you buy is going to be with you for a long time. So have some patience!

On this page we have listed various places which we have particularly enjoyed visiting, and so recommend to you. No matter where you are -- make an effort to enjoy your habitat. Pleasant people, a positive outlook and a place that says 'hello' to your needs can make a joy of winter -- every day.

Oh yes -- a favorite of mine. A variety of plants (properly cared for), can not only brighten up those unused corners -- but also adds a special glow to any room.

Happy shopping . . . and Shalom.

In today's complex world, the growing desire for a simpler way of life has brought about a revival of interest in the heritage of Canadian handicrafts. And so this week we felt fortunate to discover **Quilts and Other Comforts**. This quaint shoppe contains a menagerie of unique and beautiful quilts. Quilts designed for many uses; to suit all tastes from traditional to contemporary -- with the charm and colour of an earlier era.

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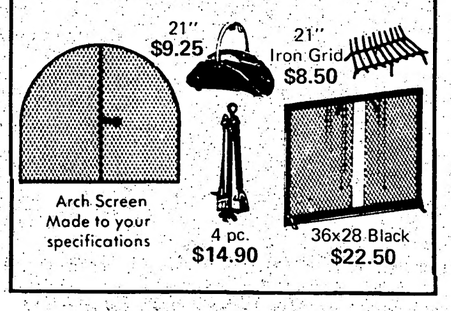

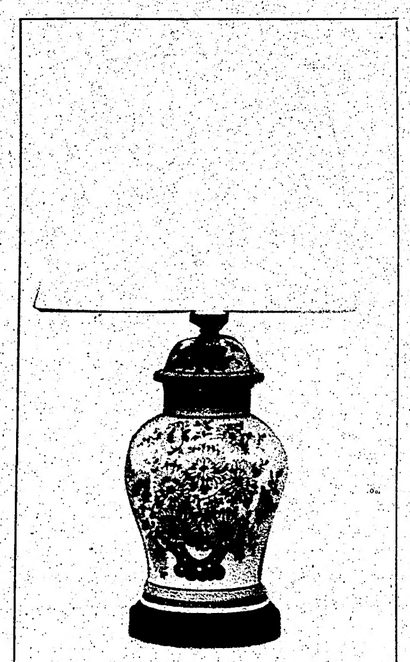

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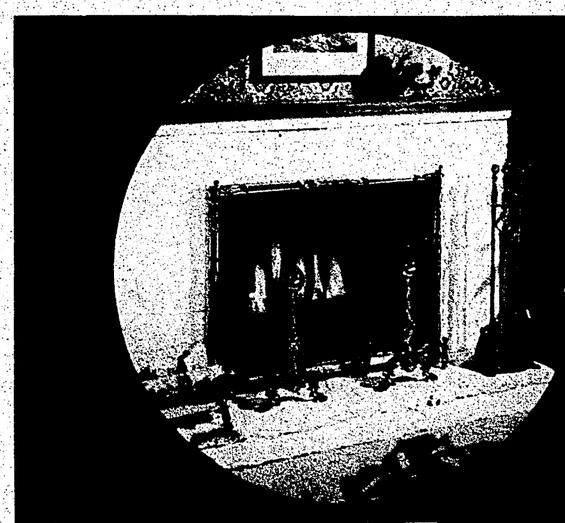

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Composer Patrick Rose (left) also stars in Jubalay at the Global Village Theatre. Also appearing in the musical are Brent Carver, Ruth Nichol and Diane Stapley. Critic Jeniva Berger found Jubalay "mainly delightful."

Despite Brel's influence, musical remains engaging in its own right

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

If the composers of **Jubalay** hadn't saluted Jacques Brel in their program acknowledging his monumental influence on the musical, we probably would have guessed his contribution anyway. A large portion of the 28 numbers were unmistakeably inspired by the inimitable Belgium poet-songwriter, or perhaps inimitable isn't the right word since Patrick Rose and Merv Campone do manage a handy, if not always completely successful job of mimeographing Brel.

It doesn't stop **Jubalay** from being an engaging musical in its own right and though the show might be better suited for a cabaret crowd, the host, Global Village Theatre, should have a winner with this import from the Manitoba Theatre Center.

What matters in **Jubalay**'s appeal is that the four performers are so tuned in to the Rose-Campone cum Brel approach, all having appeared together in the MTC production of **Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris**. It's a slick show with everything down pat from Edward Gilbert's fluid, well intermeshed staging, to Dean Regan's sunny choreography and it should come as no surprise that musical arranger Ed Henderson who scores with first rate work is also a graduate of MTC's Brel.

Jubalay -- a lovely title by the way -- is explained in the beginning as the child in all of us. Though it's a nice thought, that intention becomes fuzzy as times goes on as well as a few of the numbers. It was difficult to tell whether Rose and Campone were trying to hit a satirical or dramatic note in songs like Guiterro which features two cast members looking like Mexican bandidos but becoming meaningfully serious with a smile. Brel has that genius of melding the bittersweet with wryness but some of **Jubalay**'s songs were split down the middle leaving us to wonder whether, when, or where we should be laughing or reflecting.

Patrick Rose is the co-composer and one of the four strong performers -- the others are Diane Stapley, too long absent from the Toronto scene, Ruth Nichol and Brent Carver, a gifted, and when he chooses to be, original songwriter. A stunning first act closing number called **The Wailing Wall** is a mini-musical version of **Oh Jerusalem** with its tribute to the multitudes who have come to pray at the wall. The only song sung A Capella, it turned out to be a far more effective finale than the show's second act closer, an overly long musical glimpse at the often horrific 20th century which was strongly reminiscent of, but not nearly as biting as Brel's Marathon.

In a lighter vein, a real revue piece **CNR** was a happy satire of the performers who work on the Montreal-Toronto Rapido, while other delectables were **The Anarchist** and **Dewey and Sal** about frustrated rebels and love-sick motorcycle freaks.

For those who can never get enough of the Brel influence, this is an opportunity to gorge yourself; for others, **Jubalay** is an entertaining, nostalgic show, mostly derivative but mainly delightful.

Rabbi Potok left yeshiva to avoid literary paralysis

By ELIE COLEMAN

Rabbi Chaim Potok – a giant in today's literary world.

MONTREAL – Rabbi Chaim Potok is a writer torn between traditions.

Author of three widely-read novels, **The Chosen** (1967), **The Promise** (1969) and **My Name is Asher Lev** (1971), Potok told an audience at the Saidye Bronfman Centre last week that, for a rabbi, writing novels is a life of feeling certain one day and doubtful the next.

"It has not been easy, and it is getting increasingly difficult," Potok confided.

However, the 45-year-old writer showed he had no difficulty holding spellbound the over 300 admirers who poured into the Bronfman theatre. His remarkable oratory and expressive gestures captivated them for nearly 1 1/2 hours.

Holder of a bachelor degree in English literature and a doctorate in philosophy, he was ordained as a Conservative rabbi in 1954 at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He has been living in Israel for the past two years.

The novel has no significance in the Jewish religious tradition, the rabbi explained, for the rabbis who studied the Bible and created the Talmud were concerned with fashioning a lifestyle for the entire Jewish people rather than with examining the solitary imagination.

"Yeshivas don't study Jewish poetry and novels," he said. "There, you wouldn't know such things existed. So what is a nice Jewish boy doing writing stories?"

Rabbi Potok described a stirring experience which ultimately led him to embrace the Western literary tradition that so contradicts the tradition by which he was raised.

At the age of 15, Yeshiva boy Chaim Potok decided to read "a really tough adult book." He chose Evelyn Waugh's **Bride's Head Revisited**, a novel about upper class British Catholics.

"For the rebbe, I was committing a sin," he explained. "He sensed I was moving towards Western secular humanism. And he saw that culture as a threat to the essential nature of his understanding of the Jewish tradition. That was the beginning of a number of unpleasant years for me.

"The rebbe was right," Potok told his audience. He sensed the basically subversive nature of modern literature. Whereas the Jewish tradition has established values of prayer, knowledge and philanthropy, the Western literary tradition questions society's values . . . It holds nothing intrinsically sacred."

At the end of his college years, young Potok found himself divided by these antithetical traditions, a situation he described to the audience as "paralysing."

"No one can generate the energy to satisfy two commitments. Either you fuse the two commitments into one or you remain paralysed . . . It occurs to me now that there was a third possibility: discarding one of the commitments."

After cutting himself off from the Yeshiva, he spent 15 months with the U.S. army in Korea, re-reading the novels that had inspired him as a yeshiva student, studying philosophy and epistomology and finally producing three novels that convey the pain of defying one's parents' tradition.

Chaim Potok now thinks that "maybe" he has fused his two commitments. But he often has doubts. The conflict between Rabbi Potok and author Potok is far from being completely resolved, just as the conflict of his character, Asher Lev, finds no happy resolution.

"To end **My Name is Asher Lev** happily would be to write phonily," he declared. "And I will not write phonily."

A burst of applause greeted the author's statement.

"My hope is that if I write about these ideas honestly enough, the books will open and others will be caught up with them like I was caught up with **Bride's Head Revisited**," he said.

Potok's lecture was sponsored by the Harvey Golden Institute of Judaic Studies. The writer will be lecturing in Winnipeg, Calgary and San Francisco before returning to Israel.

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Drama group has brought credit to community

By RUTH KAHANE
CJN Staff Reporter

A strong-willed amateur theatre group is making itself known in Ontario amateur theatre circles, ironically before a large sector of its parent Jewish community knows of its own prodigy.

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, a young Conservative shul on Bayview Ave., has an active corps of thespians in their midst. Some 80 people have been participating directly in the Beth Tikvah Drama Guild for the past five years, and they have produced a calibre of drama which is at a level government funding-agencies are willing to back up with dollars.

This year, the Ontario Arts Council granted Beth Tikvah Drama Guild $800 to further their skills through workshops and studies with professionals.

Audience numbers, ranging from 1,500 to 1,800 people for a five or six night run, seem to indicate a healthy interest from the Jewish community. The guild's home congregation is supportive in many ways. So is the non-Jewish community in that part of Willowdale. According to the theatre's director, the audiences are usually 50% non-Jewish.

Good amateur theatre, the kind Reva Tward, founder - director - producer, fosters, appeals to all sectors of the community. Two and one-half intensive months at four or five rehersals a week, go into each production. The group takes on Yiddishkite content, children's theatre, and classics.

"To know you're doing good theatre within the walls of the Jewish community is a fine feeling. But Jewish plays are not the only plays we do, because they are not the only plays that are good. We want to create for ourselves. We are trying to produce plays that have not been done before in Toronto," she said.

There are not many amateur theatres that go to the lengths Reva Tward's group do. **A Worm in Horseradish**, the high light of their past season, took place in a cold-water flat in New York. A cold-water flat to them calls for a set with taps that run cold water and turn on-and-off. Such a chance to innovate and research books on prop and set-design is not considered bothersome. "Everything on our sets work--we get the biggest kick out of it," she said.

Back to Methuselah, a little know play by George Bernard Shaw, was adapted and presented by the Guild. The play begins with Adam and Eve, who appear on stage in their natural state, through innovation of course. Mrs. Tward designed costumes comprised of pink bodytights and leotards, and the two actors wore shapeless, clear - vinyl jerkins on top. Under the lighting, the effect was very "elusive".

Reva Tward has some pretty definite views on theatre. As she put it:

"Amateur theatre is the theatre, professional theatre is the money-market of theatre. They have no opportunity to be as experimental as we do. They present what plays the hierarchy say they must do.

"We have fun doing plays, we do it for the education and the experience. It's a sublime opportunity. We can hang on to our egos--if we lose money, it's all behind us," Mrs. Tward explained.

This attitude may be refuted by professional actors, directors, and theatre-goers, but one thing is evident. With this perspective on fun, combined with learning, Mrs. Tward has encouraged some good talent to take to the stage--people who never before attempted to be involved. Others have had some training, and curiously, over 50% of the actors came from England and received their training there.

"If you will it, you can have it," is this director's credo. She applies it in her encouragement of people who display an inclination to act or produce. "Most people with the obvious desire who say 'I'd like to get up on stage...', have the ability to get up there and perform."

But they need guidance and as much education as possible. Training in movement, voice, and various other aspects of stage work are stressed. For the past few years, various professionals have given the Guild sessions, and Mrs. Tward has been giving strong encouragement to enter her productions in provincial drama competitions.

This year, she has decided, the time is ripe to show Beth Tikvah Drama Guild to adjudicators. The group will enter the Ontario Drama League's (the offshoot of the now defunct Dominion Drama Festival) one-act play festival in the spring.

In the meantime, they are busy. Four one-act plays, all romantic comedies, are being rehearsed. Opening on Nov. 23 are Moliere's **Imaginery Cuckold**, Shaw's **How He Lied to her Husband**, Chekhov's **The Brute**, and Quintero's **A Sunny Morning**.

Reporter Ruth Kahane says 80 people have been participating directly in the Beth Tikvah Drama Guild for the last five years and they have produced a calibre of drama which is at a level government funding agencies are willing to back up with dollars. This year, they are putting on four one-act romantic comedies. (Beth Tikvah)

Clever Templeton novel is 'imposing achievement'

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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Charles Templeton, who has earned distinction over the years as an editor, broadcaster, churchman, politician, and TV personality can now add novelist to his imposing list of achievements.

The Kidnapping of the President is a well-researched, cleverly plotted, suspenseful story that evokes the proper mood of drama and suspense from its first page. The author makes good use of his personal knowledge of how politicians act and react; the intrigues, sins and conflicts of government officials and the labyrinthine nature of the world's most elaborate intelligence and security apparatus.

Of course, the reader must accept a highly unlikely series of events. Included in his story are: a befuddled policeman permitting an armed truck to cross a barrier; a superannuated employee in a department store; the president providentially shaking hands with the terrorist; and a startled crowd conveniently backing away from a bottle of fluid held aloft. But never mind, once there has been a willing suspension of disbelief, the excitement grows until the hair-raising rescue with only a few minutes to spare.

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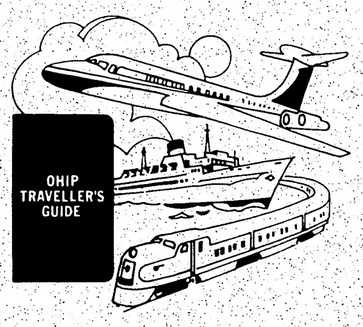

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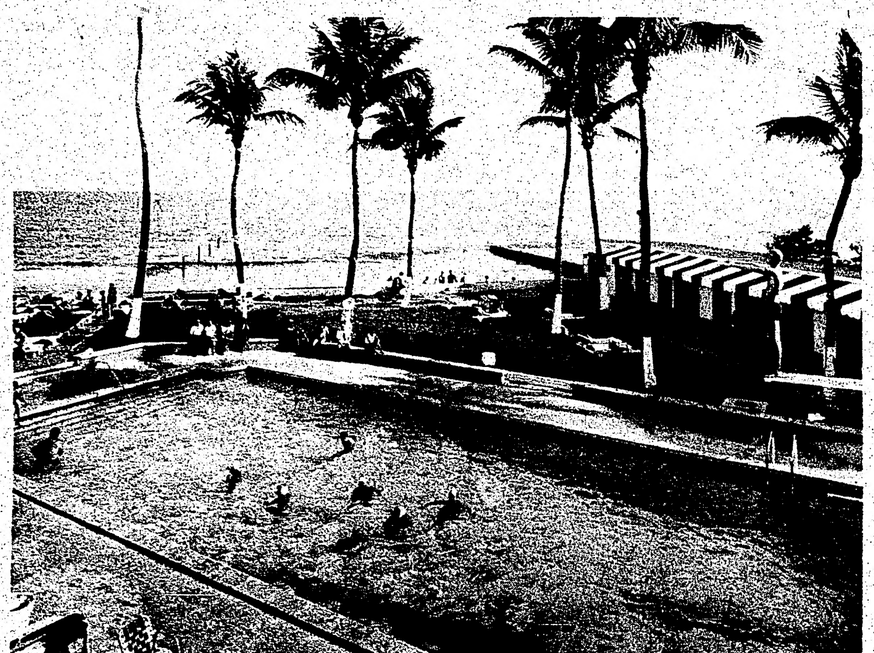

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City-operated museum features old Masters, and modern painters

MIAMI BEACH -

The Bass Museum of Art, 2100 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, has taken its place among prime points of interest both for visitors and residents of this city. A steady stream of viewers of all ages has been filing through the wide front doors to see the fine collection of masterpieces.

The city-operated museum, housing the multi-million dollar Bass collection, formerly comprised the Miami Beach Library and Art Center. It was reconstructed in 1964 at a cost of $160,000 and has been improved and enriched since then. The museum provides the last word in lighting and a stereo system throughout the building.

The collection, donated to the City of Miami Beach by Mr. and Mrs. John Bass of New York and Miami Beach, comprises paintings ranging from such old Masters as Botticelli, Rubens, Franz Hals, Renoir, Gainsborough, Van Gogh, El Greco, and modern artists such as Modigliani, Guillaumin, Rouault and Picasso.

There are numerous examples of wood sculpture, dating back to the 14th Century, and two of the largest and finest hunting tapestries in the world as well as the magnificent Gothic tapestry formerly in the J.P. Morgan tapestry collection, originally owned by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the King of England.

The hunting tapestries, made in Malines, Belgium over 100 years ago, are 40 by 16 feet. They depict The Start of the Hunt and The Return from the Hunt. They occupy two walls in the Tapestry Room which was built for the purpose. This room is lighted by a magnificent Venetian chandelier, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Bass, which shines against a background of ruby velvet. The other two galleries where the collection has been placed are hung with celadon green and gold velvet.

A favorite of visitors is a magnificent Rubens, St. Anne and the Holy Family, recently loaned to the Royal Museum of Beaux Arts of Belgium for an international Rubens exposition. The masterpiece is now back at the Bass Museum.

The museum also houses a large number of old church objects and vestments of the medieval and baroque period plus a large collection of Tibetan bronzes. In addition, there is a large collection of ancient gold, silver and bronze coins; examples of old Brussel lace, some fine embroidered French male costumes of the Roccoco period; musical autographs, manuscripts and first editions of the great classical composers such as Bach, Mozart, Haydn, and Beethoven.

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Presidents often visit this quiet fishing resort

TALLAHASSEE -

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This is the area of the Ten Thousand Islands, the maze of uncharted mangrove thickets that fringes Florida's southwestern coast. Most of the islets are within the national park boundaries.

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Jack Gwartz, co-chairman of the recent Toronto UJA President's Mission to Israel, greets Defence Minister Shimon Peres after he spoke to the group. At right is Eddie Creed, co-chairman of the mission. (UJA)

Tribute paid to late art collector

TORONTO –

In a moving tribute to the late Samuel Zacks, President Marvin Gelber of the Art Gallery of Ontario, told a distinguished audience at the official re-opening of the institution that the noted art collector and philanthropist conferred his greatest benefactions on Toronto.

"The Sam and Ayala Zacks collection of paintings, sculpture and drawings have been bequeathed to the Art Gallery of Ontario and the antiquities to the Royal Ontario Museum," Gelber said. "Half of these collections will be loaned to the Jerusalem Museum and the Tel Aviv Museum. He also gave important gifts of Canadian art to Queen's University, his alma mater."

The gallery president, who became a founder member in 1954 and is a former chairman of the Old Masters Committee, described Zacks as "a warm-hearted friend whose friends and guests were not drawn from a closed circle, nor marked by any special affluence nor prestige. He chose people for what they were."

Gelber spoke of Sam Zack's enormous energy, his many enthusiasms and his leadership qualities, and in his tribute he coupled the name of Ayala Zacks "whose enthusiasm and knowledge of art really opened up a new universe for him." Zack's greatest venture was in building a most distinguished collection of 19th and 20th century art "and in this he had an equal partner, his devoted wife.

" . . . The entire building program of the Art Gallery of Ontario was fortunate in having his energetic and imaginative leadership," Gelber told his audience. "We honor him today, and we honor Mrs. Zacks because they have also given an historical importance to the things which we are realizing at this time."

Following the opening of the building by Premier Davis, and the opening of the Moore Centre by sculptor Henry Moore, Mrs. Zacks formally opened the Zacks wing.

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Community's youth would benefit by co-ordinating group activities

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

Toronto Jewry is fortunate in having youth groups involved in many cultural, educational and social activities. The contribution of each group, regardless of its size, strengthens the Jewish consciousness of its members by allowing young Jews to get together with their peers and create a cohesive group identity and lasting friendships.

However, there is one aspect that needs immediate attention; namely, that there is little or no co-operation or co-ordination of activities between the various groups.

If a co-ordinating body of some sort could be successfully established and could work with the co-operation of all youth groups, it would only be to the benefit of the youth of the community; it would work at a community level, supposedly above the problems brought about by differences in religious and political ideologies, and could put together the "know-how" of all groups to produce an unlimited number of successful events and programs.

This goal of getting everybody to work together, although utopian in nature, is the task that Steve Taylor has set before himself as the new director of youth services of Canadian Jewish Congress. He is in the process of setting up the Toronto Youth Council.

The TJYC, once formed, would attempt to co-ordinated the social and education activities of the many individual youth groups. It would act as a forum for all groups to exchange ideas and suggestions for successful activities. It would issue a listing of all youth groups, to include a little about the ideologies of each, and general information on how a prospective member may join, as well as a calendar - of - events of programs and activities of individual groups, and of the TJYC itself.

At present, the formation of the TJYC is in the planning stage, but it could bring a measure of order into the disorganized world of youth groups.

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The National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) is holding its fall inter-regional Shabbaton at Shaarei Shomayim, this weekend, Nov. 8-10. Participants from Montreal, Hamilton, Oshawa, London, and other areas, are expected to attend.

For information, call Shaarei Shomayim at 789-3213.

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Also on the weekend of Nov. 8-10, the Beth Tzedec chapter of United Synagogue Youth (USY) is holding a Shabbaton, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, in conjunction with the Kitchener chapter of UCY.

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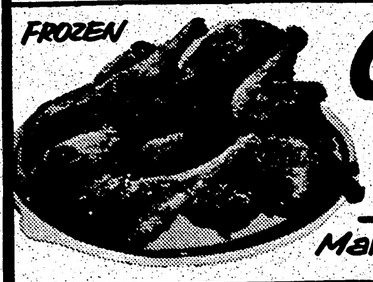

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Jerry Blitzer (right) receives Masada Award from Gen. Avraham Adan, commander of the southern front, Israel defence forces at dinner sponsored by Yorkdale Lodge B'nai B'rith. Looking on are the award recipient's wife and Joe Shabes, dinner chairman. Event highlighted Bond campaign wind-up. (Bonds–Hauseman photo)

Despite bloodshed, constant quarrels

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(In a major development following the Rabat meeting, King Hussein announced that he no longer considers the West Bank a part of Jordan and that he intends to offer the 800,000 Palestinians living on the East Bank a choice between Jordanian and Palestinian citizenship.)

It now remains to be seen how Israel will react officially to this historic decision. Jerusalem is on record as being vehemently opposed to dealing directly with the commandos, so it is difficult to perceive how she will reconcile her distaste of the PLO with what appears to be an inevitable historical process. The inclusion of the PLO in a Jordanian peace delegation may be the solution to this gnawing dilemma.

(A Jewish Telegraphic Agency report from Jerusalem said initial reaction to the Rabat decision recognizing the PLO as the "sole representative of the Palestinian people," was uniformly gloomy. The consensus was that the Arab summit meeting may have effectively destroyed the prospects of a peace settlement between Israel and its neighbors in the foreseeable future.)

The Rabat decision places increased and unbearable pressure on Israel to relinquish the whole of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip because Yasser Arafat has allegedly compromised and is now prepared to coexist with the Israelis.

Washington's reaction will be eagerly awaited by Israel, the Arab states and, of course, the Palestinians. In the past, the state department has not been predisposed toward the establishment of a potentially pro-Soviet Palestinian nation in the midst of such an unstable and strategically crucial region.

UJA mission

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A spokesman at Kiryat Shemona, populated mainly by North African Jews, said one of 10 Israeli families is on some sort of welfare and this averages out to one out of three families of North African background. In Kiryat Shemona, the population totals 17,000 with 10,000 under the age of 18 -- averaging about nine or 10 to a family who live four people to a room.

Russian Jews often create social problems amongst themselves because they come from a wide and varied social and cultural background. One Russian family told mission member Sol Saltzman they were very unhappy with their neighbors who came from a different part of Russia. And this, the mission learned, is a common complaint from the Russians.

During a question period with Bar-Lev, Dr. Barry Tobe asked "is there any other way we can help Israel besides giving money?" Bar-Lev replied quickly: "Come and live here."

Lewis Moses asked if negotiations by Kissinger are considered beneficial to Israel. Bar-Lev said: "We feel he is helping us."

Jack Gringorten asked if the Yom Kippur War was really a surprise. Bar-Lev said: "We didn't read our advance information correctly."

The mission participated in a memorial service at Yad Vashem and Rabbi Henry Hoschander chanted the El Rachmim.

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Erika Landau

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It was the fifth or sixth day of the Yom Kippur War. Erika Landau, who glimpsed the flickering shadow of death in a Polish concentration camp during World War II, was standing by the bedside of a young soldier who had lost an arm and a leg in a fierce battle.

The sight of his broken body convulsed her, leaving her numb and speechless. But she knew that it was important not to show grief; she knew that a display of sorrow might hurt or embarrass the man-child propped up against the pillow.

So she smiled, fighting back the tears.

And he beamed. "Smile," he murmured, "make me feel as if I'm not alone."

Erika Landau, an Israeli psychologist, related this story last week at a Bonds meeting at the home of Mrs. Al Silverberg. It was one of many searing personal experiences which ultimately drove her to write a poignant book of free verse on death entitled **Daddy is Dead** or **Facing the Presence of Death**.

Two thousand copies of the Hebrew-language volume were distributed by the Israeli ministry of defence to the relatives and families of the casualties of the October war. Dr. Landau, director of the Young Person's Institute for the Promotion of Art and Science at Museum Ha'aretz in Tel Aviv as well as supervisor of the psychotherapy department at Tel Aviv University, elaborated:

"The book grew out of the many talks with children and adults who had lost fathers, husbands, sons, brothers and uncles in the last three wars," she said. "I had to consider many questions which arose in their minds upon contact with death.

"The children did not always put their questions into words — often the questions were in their big, trusting eyes, which demanded truth."

In one particular encounter with Uri, a 10-year-old whose father was killed in the Yom Kippur War, Dr. Landau was simply unable to articulate her toughts and make the boy understand what had happened. "How can you tell an innocent boy about death? How can he, who breathes life, understand death?"

Distraught over her inability to communicate with Uri, Dr. Landau wept when she returned home.

Daddy's gone,
You're sad because he's gone;
Daddy died;
He'll never come back again."

"I also learned that adults, especially mothers, shrink from talking to the children about death," explained Dr. Landau. "Perhaps they do not know that the child wishes to talk about death; perhaps they do not think themselves able to talk about the painful subject without bursting into tears or they fear to harm the child by presenting things the wrong way."

She continued, rubbing her eyes. "The child senses the presence of death much more sharply than we imagine . . . . It is our duty to help him, and with frankness bring him face to face with reality such as it is. Any repression of this reality increases his anxiety.

"I believe in the child's inherent power to control and digest the emotions accompanying mourning. My book was based on the problems and fears encountered in my talks with children, and with adults who turned into children through their bewilderment in the face of death.

"You know," she added, "I wrote **Daddy is Dead** from a deep sense of identification with sorrow."

In recounting the story of her life to Bonds delegates, Dr. Landau stressed the therapeutic value that living in Israel has had on her development as a person. "Israel must be and will be," she declared in German-accented English. "Only through Israel could I take back from life what it took from me; only through it was I able to grow."

Similarly, the message which emerges in **Daddy is Dead** and indeed in her own turbulent youth is that life is eternal, a gift as well as a duty, and must go on come what may.

Yet at the same time, Erika Landau has learned by way of pain and great suffering that death is never far away. As she put it in her book:

"People like plants
Have their changing seasons
Each one is given a time
To grow,
To blossom
And a time to die."

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But attempts are being made to involve a wider group of people, he added, and, in fact, this influence can be felt at AJCS.

"The vast majority of decisions flow through the regular channels of Congress or AJCS, often being discussed in fairly large meetings. But when there is a crucial decision to be made the inner group at AJCS moves in quietly and assumes responsibility," added Waller.

The presence of the wealthy big givers in important positions was taken to be a measure of the community's health and vitality, Waller observed. The success and vibrance of the community was largely attributed to the continuity of high level leadership.

"Some respondents compared Montreal to other North American communities and approvingly found a much higher rate of participation from the wealthy social elite in Montreal," he added.

Waller said that the scenario for a rising leader would likely consist of passing through AJCS' leadership development program, rising through a constituent agency, and then joining an AJCS committee.

"After a total of anywhere from 20 to 30 years, such a person might be elected president of AJCS. But it would require very hard work and dedication. As one highly placed AJCS leader put it, the key criteria for advancement are interest, dedication and ability."

Waller also mentioned that the professional, although he can not overrule the important lay people, can and do work on them to modify positions. "An example of this is AJCS, where a traditional reluctance to get involved in education is being overcome through the efforts of key professionals.

"As the community becomes increasingly centralized the potential power of the professional grows. The exact balance between laymen and professional will depend on the attitude that both groups take. As yet no clear picture emerges," he wrote.

According to the author, the Jewish population is effectively "captured by the Liberals and the Liberal politicians know it."

When issues or conflicts present themselves within the community, they are usually based on policy differences, rather than on personal or principled grounds, although there are exceptions to the general rule.

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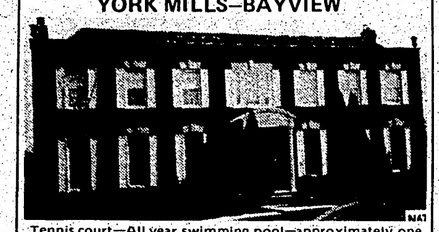
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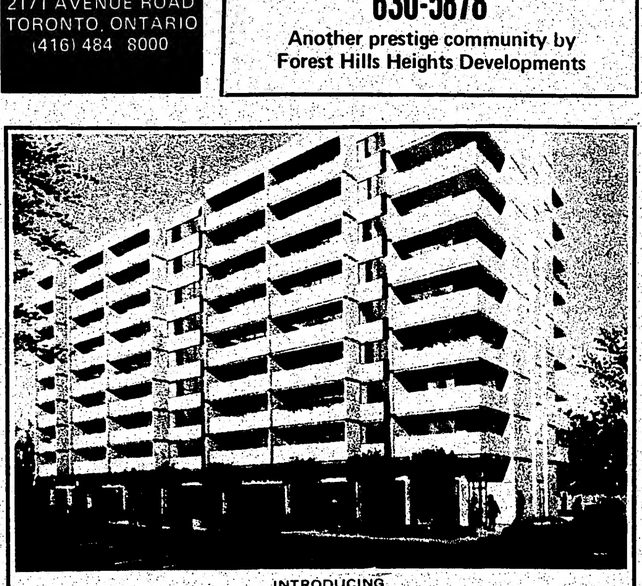
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Pays tribute to Lubavitch

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

Mrs. Jan Peerce

TORONTO – "The young rebbes never left my side when we didn't know whether my husband would live or die," said Alice Peerce, wife of the famous tenor Jan Peerce, explaining her reasons for identifying so strongly with the Lubavitch movement. She spoke at a banquet sponsored by the Lubavitch Youth Organization at the Inn On the Park here.

Last year, when the Peerces were visiting with their daughter's family in Berkeley, California, Jan broke his thigh, and complications brought him close to death. His young grandson was studying with a Lubavitch rabbi at the time, and the Lubavitcher sustained Alice Peerce with prayers, encouragement, and their constant presence during the critical period.

Her experience in Berkeley convinced her that indeed they were totally committed to others, and she resolved to help them.

"We are an Orthodox family, and I have always been observant," she said, "but I was not a Shomer Shabbos. I am now, and I have promised to devote my hours to working for Israel and for Lubavitch."

After her husband's recovery, she travelled to the West Coast and saw what was being done to save Jewish youth from drugs, Jesus freaks, and Krishna.

"Lubavitch," she declared, "is doing work that is stupendous. It helps the Orthodox Jew understand the reason for his orthodoxy, and when it brings the Russian Jews here, it doesn't just throw them away. Brother helps brother, and sister helps sister to come to life as a Jew."

She spoke once more of her husband. "Jan broke his leg again 13 weeks ago," she said. "He uses a walker to get around, and sometimes we push him in a wheelchair, but he still sings."

And sing, he did, but not before giving his own testimonial to Lubavitch and his wife. "To hear Alice say how she became a Shomer Shabbos has great depth for me, especially in this modern world. Think what it means to observe and enjoy the Sabbath rest, the beautiful day."

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Rabbi Albert Pappenheim (centre), of B'nai Israel Beth David, receives help from synagogue President Lawford Harris (right) in opening gift from the congregation. The popular rabbi was honored at an Israel Bonds dinner last week. Gift was a rabbinical robe. At left is American Jewish leader Jacob Stein of New York City.

American Jewish leader cautions world Jewry of 'fight on our hands'

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO—

One of the most powerful American Jewish leaders has warned world Jewry "we're going to have a real fight on our hands."

The first sellout was at the United Nations recently, said Jacob (Jack) Stein, past president of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, referring to the UN vote allowing the PLO to address the General Assembly.

Noting the Pope was the only non-government representative ever allowed to speak to the General Assembly, he told an Israel Bonds Chai banquet honoring B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, that he was shocked by the "travesty of justice."

Stein, who as conference president during the Yom Kippur War was in constant contact with the U.S. administration to maintain the lifeline to Israel, said Canada, like other nations in their silence, acquiesced at the UN.

Continuing to expound on this theme, he said there are 3,000 Soviet soldiers in Syria manning missile sites around Damascus and that the Arab nation is receiving massive arms shipments from Russia. And Kuneitra, returned to Syria following recent negotiations, has not been resettled, but is a fortified military centre, Stein added.

"The Soviets don't want peace in the Mideast," the speaker emphasized. "They will pick a moment to try again...When America is weak."

He told the audience of 225 persons at the dinner last Wednesday night that Premier Rabin, during his recent U.S. visit, told him there has been no movement at all from the Arabs towards Mideast peace.

Standing in front of a banner reading "An Economically Strong Israel-The Best Hope for Peace: Bonds Mean Jobs for Russian Jews in Israel," Stein urged an authentic response to the "demands of out times."

Earlier in his speech, the honorary president of United Synagogue of America praised Canadian Jewry for staging demonstrations against Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin in 1971 bringing world attention to Russian harassment of its Jews.

At the dinner, Rabbi Pappenheim, president Rabbinical Assembly (Canadian section), was warmly praised by his congregants and fellow rabbis, Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Erwin Schild of Adath Israel. He received gifts from the congregation's sisterhood and brotherhood.

Talk's chances 'in doubt'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Shabtai Rosenne

TORONTO –

The Israeli ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva told a Bonds dinner here Sunday that the prospect of genuine peace negotiations between the Arabs and the Israelis has been thrown into doubt as a result of the decision taken at the Arab summit in Rabat to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the Palestinians.

Shabtai Rosenne, a renowned authority on international law currently attending UN sessions in New York City, spoke at Beth Tikvah Synagogue to an audience of about 200 composed primarily of lawyers affiliated with the Bonds drive.

The guest of honor was Justice Abraham H. Lieff, a respected member of the community who moved here in 1963 from Ottawa. Justice Lieff, who was presented with the Israel Solidarity Award for exceptional leadership by Bonds campaign chairman Jack Israeli, has rendered service to many and varied communal causes, particularly in the field of adult Jewish education, and in support of the effort to provide economic loan funds for Israel.

Rosenne, a British-born lawyer and jurist, accused the Arabs of deliberately adding a new element -- the PLO, "a murder gang of desperados" -- into the ranks of the confrontation states now facing Israeli militarily and politically.

"They have thrown a monkey wrench into the delicate peace negotiations," he declared, "and the Rabat decision bodes no good for Israel, the world or the Palestinians."

Rosenne added that the Palestinians will be sacrificed "on the altar of extremism" by precisely those Arab states that voted to support the PLO as the final arbiter over the destiny of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

He said Israel is no longer so optimistic that the military disengagement accords worked out in the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights will necessarily lead to a political settlement. He said he based his pessimism on the results of the Rabat conference and the recent decisions by the UN to legitimize the existence of the PLO.

Speaking forcefully but bitterly, Rosenne hinted that Israel may have nothing to do with UN proclamations regarding the PLO. He spoke disparagingly of the coalition of "Arabs, anti-Semites and many other nations that seem to have lost their backbone.

"We must be prepared for more unwelcome resolutions at the UN," he warned. "A fateful struggle lies ahead and we must gird ourselves for the worst."

Rosenne was critical of the situation in which liberal-minded Jews concern themselves with the rights of Palestinians whereas Arabs of similar opinion only talk about the destruction or containment of Israel. He said there has been little or no change in Arab attitudes regarding the Jewish state but that Israel herself is nevertheless prepared to sit down with her opponents.

Launching into an emotional examination of Israel's political isolation, Rosenne admitted that in these troubled times Israel has only one dependable ally -- the Jews of the Diaspora.

Touching on another subject, Rosenne said that it may be essential for Israel to restructure her entire economy in order to absorb the avalanche of Russian immigrants expected to pour into the country in the wake of the Soviet-American trade agreement.

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